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NSL AND NSW MAY COLLIDE



Olympic's Peter Raskopoulos (right) in a tangle with Sydney City's Jimmy Cant on Sunday.

The NSL and the NSW Federation are again on collision course.

NSW will play Queensland in Brisbane on May 8.

And it's odds on that the NSL clubs — who have a full program that day — will scream blue murder if their players have to be released.

They will want to know why this interstate match can't be played midweek?

And really — why not? NSW may decide to field a team based on State League players — and face a hiding in Brisbane.

The newly appointed

NSW State coach, Johnny Watkiss, could be the meat in the sandwich.

Watkiss, one of the most distinguished players ever to grace Australian stadiums, has at last received due recognition as a coach, too.

For years he has stuck with the unfashionable and far from well-heeled Sutherland, producing one crop of talented team after the other.

Now he has been "discovered" by the NSW Federation — and is likely to face a political crisis with his first assignment.

Tribute to Young Roos



Jim Patikas.

Channel Ten will screen a one-hour special Tribute to the Young Socceros.

It will be seen at 10.30 p.m. on Thursday in Sydney and Melbourne.

The show will be hosted by Tommy Ander-

son and has been produced by Alex Henderson.

During the hour viewers will see interviews with players and action from the recent Acapulco tournament and also highlights of the 1981 World Youth Cup finals.

Papallo slams Rugby bigots

By David Jack

The bitter fights involving soccer and rugby league in NSW a dozen or so years ago could break out all over again.

In fact, the war has already started — with Balmain rugby league club and Leichhardt soccer club involved in bitter conflict over the use of Leichhardt Oval.

Just over a week ago, a rugby league columnist in a Sydney newspaper blasted Leichhardt's attempt to gain a few dates at the oval for NSL matches.

He used the term "fraudulent claims."

This prompted Leichhardt president Nick Papallo to hit back in an interview in another paper in the same group.

Papallo, a lawyer, was clearly not keen to get engaged in a slanging match over the Leichhardt Oval issue when I had a long chat with him about this strange affair.

At the same time, he was very angry and somewhat

surprised at the way this war had flared up.

Papallo said: "It seems soccer and league are on friendly terms everywhere in NSW — except in Balmain."

"The two codes share grounds; their officials live in harmony and it is to everyone's benefit that there should be no friction. So why would anyone want to stir up this hornet's nest in Balmain?"

"The crux of the problem is does Balmain rugby league club have exclusive use of Leichhardt Oval? The answer is 'no'. This cannot be denied."

Bigots

"It is true that Balmain put some \$700,000 into the cost of upgrading the ground. Leichhardt Council also contributed \$700,000 of ratepayers' money. Are we now asked to believe that ALL the ratepayers follow rugby league and none of them follows soccer?"

"Other sports have been given permission to use the oval and Balmain didn't complain. But when soccer

wants a few dates — which would not infringe at all on the rugby league dates — the balloon goes up."

"Is it right and fair that Leichhardt ratepayers who want to watch soccer must suffer the primitive conditions of Lambert Park?"

"Or that ratepayers who like rugby league should enjoy comfortable facilities exclusively?"

"Take what happened last Sunday — a very wet day in Sydney."

"There were not much more than 1,000 spectators at Lambert Park for our National Soccer League match against St George, a game which, on a dry day, would have pulled in at least 3,000."

"So 2,000 would-be spectators couldn't watch the soccer unless they wanted to get drenched."

"On that day, Leichhardt Oval, with ample covered accommodation, was not used for any sport. It's crazy."

The Leichhardt president also made a valid point when he compared the relative importance of soccer and rugby league.

"Soccer is the only true international code of foot-

ball, played in just about every country in the world. Against this, rugby league is completely unknown to 95 per cent of the world's population!"

It is interesting, also, to note that Leichhardt soccer club's home ground, Lambert Park, is loaned to every school in the area and is in constant daily use. And Papallo's club has never considered appealing for the sort of "exclusive" tenancy that Balmain seeks for its rugby league club at Leichhardt Oval.

The bigots, who foresee gloom and disaster if soc-

cer is to be given a few dates at Leichhardt Oval, will continue to prop up their ailing rugby league game by attempting to banish real football (soccer) from suitable grounds.

But they cannot win. Soccer, I am sure, will be played at Leichhardt Oval in 1983.



Leichhardt president Nick Papallo (left) with manager Ron Orsatti.



There will always be an England or two...

The Algerian Federation has announced that in June England would play a full international match there.

The question now is: will the English play in Algiers as part of their trip to Australia — or will they form two national sides, one for us and one for Africa, hoping that neither host ever finds out which was the real one?

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Cold-shoulder Lambert Park soccer fans are condemned to "enjoy" courtesy of a bigoted Balmain.

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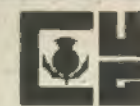
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Janice Stot, Sharon Matelian and Judy Pettitt before they left with the Australian women's soccer team to play in Hawaii.

AMONG THE GIRLS

—with Don Balmain

The first game of the Australian women's soccer team's tour of the Hawaiian Islands was an eye-opener for the Australian girls.

Playing against the first of three clubs sides, the Australian national team were defeated in a close encounter by a top club team, He Pua Pa'ani 1-0.

The lone goal of the match was scored in the second half when a momentary lapse of concentration by the defence caused a break-through.

Australia was on the attack for most of the game with Sharon Loveless attacking constantly. Despite many close shots at goal, the net eluded the Australian strikers.

Centre midfielder Julie Porter, was prominent in setting up moves for her probing forwards.

Defence players Kim Coates and Kerry Millman were outstanding in keeping the marauding Hawaiians away from the Australian goal.

Hepuepa'ani 1 Australia 0.

The second game of the Hawaiian encounter was played against another top club side called the Royal Hawaiians.

The Australian girls had learned a lot about the local conditions and fields after their first encounter and went into this game with much determination.

With strong defence coupled with excellent goal-keeping on both sides the first half was kept scoreless.

After the interval, everything came together for the Aussie girls.

Five minutes into the half, Sharon Loveless floated a good cross towards the goal and the resulting goal was scored by Sue Monteath.

It was not long after this goal that Leanne Priestly from Queensland ran onto a neat pass to notch up Australia's second goal.

For the next 20 minutes, the game was stale-mated with neither side gaining an advantage.

Ten minutes from the end, Connie Byrnes from Bundaberg drew the defence wide and then passed to Sue Monteath of Brisbane who was unmarked in front of the goal.

Sue crashed a shot at the Hawaiian goal which the goalie touched but could not hold.

Australia 3 Royal

Hawaiians 0.

The third fixture of the tour was against Lehi soccer club and was billed as being a top class match for the itinerary.

The result, a 0-0 draw was a fair indication of the game with the Aussie forwards having many near misses at a determined Hawaiian keeper.

By the same token, Australia was fortunate in having defenders like Janice Stott (W.A.) and tall Andrea Martin from Victoria giving solid displays whilst Leanne Priestly and Julie Porter (N.S.W.) were constantly under pressure to break up mid-field attacks.

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Between September 26 and October 2, in Auckland, New Zealand, the Golden Oldies Soccer Festival will take place.

This tournament is open to all players over the age of 35 who are no longer playing soccer professionally.

This is a soccer tournament with a difference.

It is a gathering of players who will turn up in New Zealand.

Players who loathe to cut all ties with the game

they love so much and played regularly when they were much younger.

Now, these over-aged players want to still play soccer for just plain fun and to retain the comradeship that all good sportsmen possess, as well as to keep themselves reasonably fit.

The scores in the matches will not matter.

The players are there to have good, healthy fun and meet other players from all over the world.

But entries close June 30, 1983.

Aussie-Brazilianos clash for Intercity Cup

The Melbourne Brazilians, led by Gil Moreira, will play their Sydney counterparts on April 17.

The match will be for the Intercity Brazilian Trophy.

The venue will be decided at a later date.

The curtain-raiser will be between the sons of local Brazilians ("milk teeth players," as they are known in Brazil) and another junior side.

The Melbourne visitors

will receive a traditional Samba welcome, with drums and all.

Net proceeds of the gate takings will be donated to the Fire Victims Fund.

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STATE LEAGUE HOTTING UP

This weekend's games are evenly balanced and look like being hard fought tussles.

Sutherland, hoping to continue their unbeaten run, will find Monaro a tough nut to crack at Monaro's home ground.

By Andrew Paschalidis

Polonia are aiming for their first win of the season. Playing at home and against an unsettled Riverwood side, a victory is not beyond them. The young Bankstown

side are more than a match against the talented Yugal team.

Yugal would love to collect the two points away from home and stay in the top four.

The strong Melita side should prove too powerful for Canterbury-M'ville.

A welcome boost for the Canterbury team will be the addition at their two injured strikers, Thamnidis and Theodorakopoulos.

Kur-Ring-Gai will strive for their first win of the season against a star-studded Croatia line up. Twin strikers Graham Arnold and Peter Hensman could prove the match winners for Croatia.

Manly look like defeating the disappointing Auburn at Cromer Park. The strong Manly defence should be able to accommodate Auburn's forward strength.

The match of the round looks like being between Avala and Blacktown.

Avala will be aiming to keep their unbeaten record intact. With the return of Karantiloski, Fernandez and the addition of new signing Aegnor Muniz, Avala could upset the more fancied Blacktown side.

Remember Roberto Vieri? Well, the silver-haired, former Marconi midfielder is making a comeback. He has been appointed player-coach of State League club, Monaro. Despite his age, Vieri should prove a useful buy. At this stage he will concentrate on coaching, but will consider having a run on the field once he gains some fitness.

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Jock Marshall must qualify as one of the oldest and keenest Soccer supporters in New South Wales. Jock, a sprightly 85-years-old, is a fervent follower of the State League and, in particular, the fortunes of Manly. Jock, who played with Airdrie in Scotland in the 1920's, has never missed a Manly game.

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Cant-M'ville certainly have no shortage of talented indoor soccer players. Lucky and George Georgiou represented Australia in their recent successful campaign against New Zealand.



"What a goalkeeper - dived into the goalkeeper."

CROATIA SIGN GRAHAM ARNOLD

BY MIKE MYSTAKIDIS

Graham Arnold, last season's leading scorer in the State League, has been signed up by Croatia and scored a goal in his first appearance with his new club against Riverwood.

Croatia paid \$10,500 for this talented striker. Canterbury-Marrickville had previously offered Sydney Olympic Arnold for \$5,500, but surprisingly, they were uninterested.

Now the striking combination of Peter Hensman and Graham Arnold will prove the deadliest in the State League. Arnold has started this season where he left off last year with two fine goals in the second round match against Polonia.

Canterbury-Marrickville coach, John Xipolitas said: "We are very sorry to see him leave, but we really couldn't stop him leaving the club."

"He is potentially the best striker in the State League and we wish him all the best in the future," he added.

With the loss of Arnold and last year's captain Ross Brown, Canterbury will heavily rely on the skills of Chris Thamnidis and Lucky Georgiou in their striking department.



WEEKEND RESULTS

1ST DIVISION

	I	II	III
S.S.C. Yugal v Cant-Marrickville	2-0	0-4	0-5
Croatia v Riverwood	4-0	2-1	9-1
Polonia v Bankstown	2-2	1-5	2-1
Sutherland v Ku-Ring-Gai	1-0	1-0	4-0
Avala v Manly	1-1	1-2	2-1
Melita v Blacktown City	0-1	2-2	1-0

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2ND DIVISION

Parramatta City v Dee Why	0-2	0-0	1-2
Artarmon v Belmore	2-0	5-4	2-1
Blacktown Utd v Fairy Meadow	1-2	1-2	1-6
Penrith Utd v Revesby Workers	1-1	1-0	7-0
Uni of NSW v Gladesville Ravens	0-2	0-3	0-0
W'gong Utd v Warringah N'Been	1-1	1-3	2-6
North Bankstown v Rockdale	2-1	2-1	0-1

NSW TABLES

STATE LEAGUE

DIVISION 1 - GRADE 1

P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sutherland	3	3	-	5	-	6
Croatia	2	2	-	6	-	4
Blacktown	3	2	-	1	6	4
Yugal	2	1	1	-	4	3
Inter-Monaro	3	1	1	1	5	3
Avala	3	-	3	-	3	3
Manly	3	1	1	1	5	3
Melita	2	1	-	1	3	2
Polonia	3	-	2	1	6	2
Riverwood	3	1	-	2	4	5
Cant-M'ville	3	1	-	2	3	6
Ku-Ring-Gai	2	-	1	1	1	2
Bankstown	2	-	1	1	2	5
Auburn	2	-	2	1	7	-

DIVISION 1 - GRADE 2

P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Blacktown	3	2	1	-	8	3
Cant-M'ville	3	2	1	-	8	3
Bankstown	2	2	-	-	8	1
Croatia	2	2	-	-	5	2
Sutherland	3	2	-	1	3	1
Melita	2	1	1	-	6	4
Ku-Ring-Gai	2	1	-	1	1	2
Riverwood	3	1	-	2	6	2
Avala	3	1	-	2	4	2
Auburn	2	1	-	1	5	2
Manly	3	1	-	2	5	2
Yugal	2	1	-	1	4	2
Polonia	3	-	-	2	1	9
Inter-Monaro	3	-	-	2	0	9

DIVISION 1 - GRADE 3

P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sutherland	3	3	-	-	9	2
Cant-M'ville	3	2	1	-	9	1
Polonia	3	2	-	1	4	5
Croatia	2	1	1	-	10	2
Manly	2	1	1	-	5	4
Auburn	1	1	-	-	5	0
Melita	2	1	-	1	2	3
Avala	2	1	-	1	3	4
Ku-Ring-Gai	2	1	-	1	3	2
Blacktown	2	-	1	1	2	3
Bankstown	2	-	2	2	5	-
Yugal	2	-	2	2	1	7
Riverwood	3	-	3	2	15	-

DIVISION 2 - GRADE 1

P	W	D	L	F	A	P
W'gong Utd	3	2	1	-	6	2
Fairy Meadow	3	2	1	-	5	3
Gladesville	2	2	-	-	6	1
Dee Why	3	2	-	1	5	3
Rev Workers	2	1	1	-	6	1
Warr-N'been	2	1	1	-	3	2
Penrith Utd	3	-	3	-	1	3
Artarmon	3	1	-	1	5	2
Rockdale	2	1	-	1	4	2
N B'town	2	1	-	1	3	2
Parr City	3	-	1	2	1	6



"Perhaps they'd let us hold a service during half-time."

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DIVISION 1

Round 4 — Sunday April 3

Inter Monaro v Sutherland	Marco Polo Oval
Polonia v Riverwood	Chopin Park
Bankstown v S.S.C. YUGAL	Soccer Centre
Cant-M'ville Oly. v Melita Eagles	Arlington Oval
Ku-Ring-Gai v Croatia Sydney	Parklands Oval
Manly Warringah v Auburn	Cromer Park
Blacktown City v Avala	Gabbie Stadium

DIVISION 2

Round 4 — Saturday April 2

Revesby Workers v Dee Why	Jensen Reserve
Fairy Meadow v North Bankstown	Police Boys Grd.
Artarmon v Gladesville Ravens	Artarmon Res.

Sunday April 3

Parramatta City v Blacktown	Garside Park
Uni of N.S.W. v Penrith United	Little Bay Oval
Warringah-N'Been v Belmore	Narrabeen Fitness Camp
Rockdale v Wollongong United	Hurstville Oval

DIVISION 1

Round 5 — Saturday April 9

Cant-M'ville Oly. v Bankstown	Arlington Oval
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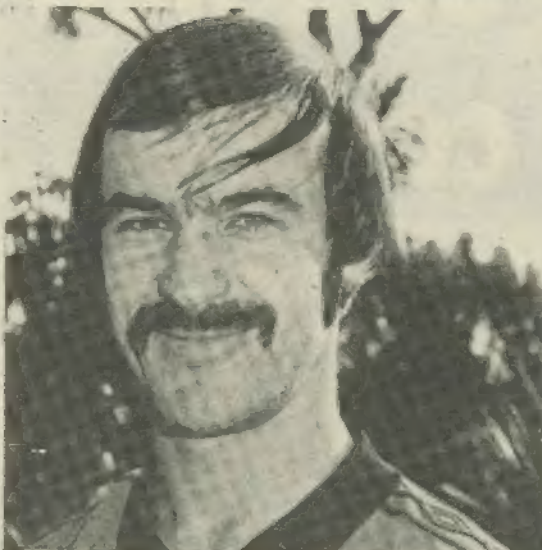
Sunday April 10

Polonia v Ku-Ring-Gai	Chopin Park
S.S.S. Yugal v Riverwood	Fraser Park
Croatia Sydney v Inter Monaro	King Tomislav Park
Sutherland Shire v Manly Warringah	Seymour Shaw Park
Auburn v Blacktown City	Mona Park
Melita Eagles v Avala	Melita Stadium

Deferred Game — Wednesday March 30

Melita v Yugal	Melita Stadium
First Grade — 8.10 p.m. — 2nd Grade — 6.30 p.m.	

Riverwood, Hajduk near marital bliss



ANDY TRACEY

The controversy over Riverwood's future will hopefully end this week.

Big discussions towards a possible amalgamation between Hajduk Rangers and Riverwood have been underway for some time.

If these negotiations are successful it will be on the basis of Riverwood remaining in the first division with their existing players and executive committee.

Hajduk, a Yugoslav-backed club, would provide much needed financial support through their licensed social club.

Hajduk have a top class stadium next to their Jadran Social Club in Edensor Rd, St Johns Park.

Riverwood secretary Peter Morgan said: "We are very hopeful of a successful outcome for the sake of our players who have given our club continued support over the past three to four months."

"We hope to maintain a position in the First Division and keep face with the New South Wales Soccer Federation."

Riverwood are determined to continue in the

State League and have previously pressed for a bond with the Southern Districts Association.

However, the club were vetoed in their proposed move into the Liverpool region.

"Whatever the outcome, the final decision will rest in the hands of the NSWSF," said Peter Morgan.

Soccer Insurance

As in previous years Allianz Insurance have forwarded each club within the Federation their "Player Protection Application".

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Alagich back

By Tom McKain

Broken Hill is back in the fold and will reaffiliate with the SA Soccer Federation.

Rudolph Alagich, the "Mr Soccer" of the Hill has been re-called to stabilise the game as chairman of the Broken Hill Soccer Football Federation.

He was secretary of the BH Federation for 31 years and is now moving to bring

senior, junior, indoor and women's soccer under the one roof.

"We have one of the best soccer complexes in Broken Hill and we have to pull together to keep it going," said Alagich.

This is the city's centenary year and to help boost soccer a reunion of Broken Hill players is being planned in October.

New South Wales

NEW BUYS SHOW OUT

By Andrew Paschalidis

The third round of the State League competition resulted in no real surprises with Sutherland, Avala and Yugal remaining undefeated.

Croatia's new signing, Graham Arnold proved that the \$10,500 transfer from Canterbury-Marrickville was certainly worth it. As well as scoring a goal for his new club, he helped set up two more.

Agenor Muniz, signed from Sydney City last Friday, proved to be a worthwhile buy for Avala after starring in their draw against the strong Manly side.

Blacktown finally broke the hoodoo and beat the star-studded Melita line up

in a memorable game at Melita Stadium. It was their first win over Melita. McLachlan, currently in the Australian Youth Squad, kept up his fine early season form for Blacktown.

The Reis — Godzik combination once again proved invaluable for Monaro. A goal apiece in the dying stages of the game against Auburn gave Monaro their first win of the season.

The round was also highlighted by sound performances from the 'young brigade'. Harrington for Sutherland, York for Bankstown and Turkoglu for Yugal all played major roles.

INTER-MONARO v AUBURN 3-1

Monaro defeated a disappointing Auburn at Monaro Park with minutes remaining.

The first half was a scrappy affair, Auburn had an opportunity to hit the lead but Dales' shot was well saved by Curcic.

Midway through the half a penalty by Wilcox was saved by Auburn keeper, Bownan.

Monaro hit the lead in the second half after Wilcox brilliantly headed a cross from Arquero in the back of the net.

Dale equalised for Auburn minutes later with a cracking drive.

In the last 10 minutes, Monaro sealed the issue. The Reis-Godzik combina-

tion proved to be the decider. Both players were rewarded with a goal each.

Godzik, Reis and Wilcox played important roles in Monaro's victory. Planinic and McDermott stood out for Auburn.

INTER-MONARO: G. Curcic, C. Leith, A. Charles, J. Santolin, J. Arquero, M. Francis, A. Monterosso, R. Popovic (R. Veiri 51), B. Godzik, B. Wilcox, A. Reis. **AUBURN:** D. Bowman, C. Quigley, T. Kilkelly, S. Planinic, C. Prgomella, M. Dale, L. Lunt (S. Grieve 54), T. McDermott, (J. McDonald 76), R. Carney, R. Allen, J. McCranor.

GOALS: Monaro (Wilcox 59, Reis 84, Godzik 88). Auburn (Dale 62).

SUTHERLAND v KU-RING-GAI 1-0

Sutherland remain at the top of the table after their decisive win against Ku-Ring-Gai at Seymour Shaw Park.

The first half was scoreless with no real chances created by either side. Ku-Ring-Gai played dominantly and looked to have the upper hand.

Against the run of play, Sutherland hit the lead midway through the second half.

A corner from Jim Webber sailed past Antman into the top of the net.

Ku-Ring-Gai were then under pressure from some fine attacking moves by Knowles and Groome.

Ku-Ring-Gai never gave up and were unlucky not to equalise. Twice in the closing stages Sutherland's

Harrington headed the ball off the line.

The defensive combination of Dal Forno, Haynes and Harrington proved to be the deciding factor in the game.

Regan and Bertram were a constant threat to Ku-Ring-Gai's defence.

KU-RING-GAI: P. Antman, D. Kevern, R. Scoby, P. Jesse, A. Robertson, M. Berry, T. Bertram, A. Brockbank (S. Davidson 75), S. Regan, T. Gavin, C. Eaton.

SUTHERLAND: M. Haynes, B. Cashman, M. Hesford, A. Shartegger, V. Dal Forno, G. Watkins, M. Harrington, J. Webber, G. Knowles, N. Groome, C. Rogers (S. Clinch 68).

GOALS: Sutherland (Webber).

BLACKTOWN v MELITA 1-0

Blacktown broke their long standing hoodoo in defeating Melita at Melita Stadium.

From the moment Stoddart scored in the eighth minute their slender lead was never in doubt. Blacktown gained the up-

per hand through their dominating midfield combination.

The determined second half revival by Melita failed to produce any real goal scoring opportunities.

Blacktown were well represented by Selvage,

McLachlan and Brogan, who did a fine job in blotting out Farrugia.

To make things worse for Melita, Blacktown's victory was achieved through two of their ex-stalwarts, John Stoddart and coach Casey De Bruin.

BLACKTOWN: P. Freeman, R. Wheatley, T. Rasmussen, W. Turnbull, P. Brogan, C. Pointer, S.

POLONIA v BANKSTOWN 2-2

A goal in the last minute of the game allowed Bankstown to collect their first point of the season.

Polonia hit the lead after Smith ran down the left flank and crossed the ball for Terre to head into the net.

York caught the Polonia keeper off guard when his 30 metre drive hit the roof of the net.

The early part of the second half was played at the same furious pace. In the 76th minute a Galas penalty put Polonia ahead. Giffin must have felt unlucky after he saved Galas' first attempt, but was ruled to have moved before the ball was kicked.

In the last minute of the game, Bankstown's Dalton's shot was blocked by

Selvage, J. Stoddart, B. Walker, M. McLachlan (J. Larkin 79), P. Kirwan.

MELITA: A. McPherson, G. McCoy, M. Cross, P. Daley, R. McGinn, C. McAusland, D. Duarte (J. McKie 45), A. Jamieson, D. Allan, R. Farrugia, H. Martinez (B. McPherson 80).

GOALS: Blacktown (Stoddart 8).

the keeper, but the rebound was put away by Brown.

Newly promoted player Grossas and Geekie were consistent performers for Polonia.

York was always dangerous up front and O'Neill was solid in defence for Bankstown.

BANKSTOWN: S. Giffin, C. Rootsey, A. Beck, R. Agostino, C. O'Neill, S. Blackburn, K. York, G. King, A. Bourke (W. Parker 85), W. Brown, J. Nocera (P. Dalton 75).

POLONIA: I. Barker, R. Geekie, A. Galas, M. Fuller, M. Czelisk, D. Thomas, C. Ortega, Grossas, Z. Garlowski, I. Smith, U. Terre.

GOALS: Polonia (Terre 32, Galas 76), Bankstown (York 42, Brown 90).

AVALA v MANLY 1-1

Agenor Muniz had a dream debut for his new club Avala. His goal enabled them to gain a valuable point against a strong Manly side.

Fine goalkeeping from Ellis prevented Avala from hitting the lead in the first half. Five minutes before half-time Smith put Manly into the lead when he hammered the ball from a corner kick.

Early in the second half, Muniz levelled the score from the penalty spot. From that period onwards, Avala pushed forward for that winning goal, but were thwarted by the solid Man-

ly defence.

Ellis, Smith and Doyle performed well for Manly. Avala were well served by Muniz, Burrows and Lembrink.

AVALA: P. Ahrens, J. Lembrink, S. Deller, M. Barton, E. Patterson, G. Milne, H. Hoseni, P. Yousuph, P. Burrows (N. Williams 70), B. Tilt, A. Muniz.

MANLY: S. Ellis, B. Doyle, R. Geoghegan, K. Falconer, A. Scott (D. Jack), R. Jones, R. Shirman, G. Van Heldon, T. Smith, R. Stewart, P. Falconer.

GOALS: Manly (Smith 40). Avala (Muniz 50).

CROATIA v RIVERWOOD 4-0

Croatia continued their unbeaten run defeating Riverwood at King Tomislav.

Graham Arnold, signed from Cant-M'ville last week, had a dream debut for his new club. Good lead-up work from Arnold and Kovacic resulted in Savor scoring the first goal.

Seconds later a fine passing combination between Carrizzo, Kovacic and Arnold resulted in Hensman scoring the second.

Midway through the second half skillful play from Savor allowed Hensman to score his second goal. Arnold sealed the issue when he dribbled the ball through four players and hammered the ball home.

Rysstrand and Tracey tried valiantly for Riverwood.

Overall it was a fine team effort from Croatia, highlighted by some fine attacking moves.

CROATIA: S. Watson, B. Wood, D. Tomasic, M. Kovacic, B. Vidalc, D. Rezo, W. Savor, R. Carrizzo, P. Hensman, T. Basic, G. Arnold.

RIVERWOOD: R. Gisbourne, P. Mikas, I. Rysstrand, D. Forrester, D. Smith, V. Juchievicz, P. Butcher, A. Tracey, T. Jones, W. Coutts, V. Mickovski, B. Parker, D. Peters.

GOALS: Croatia (Hensman 2, Arnold, Savor).

YUGAL v CANT-M'VILLE 2-0

Yugal scored an impressive victory over a depleted Canterbury at Arlington Oval.

Canterbury were unlucky not to score twice in the first 15 minutes. The first opportunity went begging

when the shot at goal was just wide. Minutes later, Andreou dribbled through the defence only to find two of his team mates off side.

The first half was a tight affair with both sides prominent in attack.

Yugal took the upper hand early in the second half. Good lead up work by Turkoglu and Rokodera resulted in Karacan slotting the ball past the despairing Canterbury keeper.

Minutes later Demetriou was unlucky not to equalise for Canterbury. His cracking shot was well saved by Berry.

Rokodera sealed the issue for Yugal. He headed a fine cross from substitute Pahor past the luckless El Zein.

Canterbury's best players were El Zein, Andreou

and Hantzis. Yugal were well served by McIntosh, Rokodera and Turkoglu.

YUGAL: P. Berry, M. Rendall, R. Gogic, D. McIntosh, J. Clark, M. Turkoglu (Mihajlovic 77), A. Rokodera, J. Karacan (Phaor 68), J. Morsello, S. Babian, S. Tanoski.

CANT-M'VILLE: El Zein, G. Antonopoulos (M. Philipou 79), G. Laws, J. Binos, T. Andreou, J. Anagnosotopoulos, M. Todorova, S. Hantzis, P. Demetriou, C. Papadopoulos, Z. Mickovic (Georgiou 62).

GOALS: Yugal (Karacan 58, Rokodera 71).



AGENOR MUNIZ

ACT LEAGUE STARTS APR. 10

By Steve Burns

One of Canberra soccer's major cup competitions — the Federation Cup — began last season with the 15 Football League and one Canberra League teams competing.

And the Federation Cup is the first pre-season run for the three top rating country clubs — the Albion Border Soccer Club and the Griffith-based Yoogali and Harwood clubs.

The Canberra League's solitary amateur representatives are Shamrock Rovers.

It will be a major pre-season test before the official league season starts on April 10 and will enable clubs to cement work done in the pre-season Jim Fraser Memorial Trophy competition.

This was a competition won by West Woden Juventus looking remarkably strong with new signings such as Pat Mooney from Melbourne and Hill from Wollongong. Another newcomer is young Marcus Pangalos from Monaro.

There is no doubt, that the presence of the country clubs in the new 'city' and 'country' based leagues to operate in 1983 will add real interest to Canberra soccer.

This is particularly so if Canberra Arrows continues to play NSL games on Saturday.

Apart from West Woden Juventus' acquisitions — and Hill and Mooney came free — other player movements include an anticipated player-exchange between Monaro and Downer Olympic of Argentinian Luis Salgado and Alan Reis.

Reis will go to Monaro and Salgado to Downer Olympic.

But the possibility that is creating the most interest is the acquisition by Croatia Deakin of ex-Arrows' player Ian Furdie.

While arrangements are not yet final, it is predicted that Croatia will sign Furdie who last year proved himself in numerous NSL games but lacked consistency.

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This is the itinerary of a 21-day soccer tour to England arranged by Stephens Sports Travel.

DAY 1: Arrive Westerfield House, Ipswich.

DAY 2: Visit to Fortman Road, Ipswich Town v West Ham United in FA Youth Cup.

DAY 3: Morning training session. Afternoon visit to 'Sports Image' official supplier to Ipswich Town Soccer Club for all soccer equipment.

DAY 4: Training in morning. Afternoon visit to official souvenir shop at Ipswich Town.

DAY 5: Morning training session. Depart 2.00 p.m. for Ipswich Town v Brighton, English 1st Division. Soccer video in evening.

DAY 6: Morning game against local side. Afternoon — national final of penalty saving competition. 2 Aussie keepers took part and keeper from Sydney won it (Paul Wilcox — Caringbah). Prize presented by Eric Gates of Ipswich.

DAY 7: Day trip to Wembley Stadium — walk up Wembley Way into dressing rooms. Presented with cup and trod the hallowed turf.

DAY 8: Early morning departure for sightseeing trip of London. Visited all major sights — Buckingham Palace, Pall Mall, Carnaby Street, etc.

DAY 9: Visit to F.A. Cup holders home grounds — White Hart Lane (Tottenham Hotspur). Evening to Highbury Stadium for Milk Cup 5th Round match — Arsenal v Sheffield Wednesday.

DAY 10: Morning — conducted tour of Fortman Road — weight rooms, dressing rooms, pitch etc by Alan Brazil of Ipswich and Scotland. Afternoon — Chris Woods, Norwich City and England Under 21 goalkeeper gives specialised training to keepers and talks to all players.

DAY 11: Morning training session. Afternoon match against English Rep side. In the evening, video — 'Escape to Victory' starring 'Pele'.

DAY 12: Full days training.

DAY 13: 10.00 a.m. departure for Norwich. Visit to historic Norwich Cathedral — afternoon watch Everton and Norwich in the 1st Division.

DAY 14: All boys take English FA Skill Awards with Mr Ron Abbott Secretary of Suffolk Coaches.

DAY 15: Morning visit to Cambridge United Football Club. See the facilities of a lower division club. Afternoon visit world famous Cambridge University and Kings College.

DAY 16: Final training session followed by farewell party with Westerfield House staff.

DAY 17: Leave Ipswich for Birmingham. Evening watch Aston Villa v Barcelona in European Super Cup Final.

DAY 18: Day at leisure in the Manchester area. Visit January sales. Cinema in the evening.

DAY 19: Morning visit to Old Trafford for official tour of ground and club shop. Into Trophy Room for showing of video 'The Manchester United Story'. Afternoon — tour of Anfield — Liverpool FC home ground. See dressing rooms, directors' boxes and pitch. Then into Trophy Room to hold the cups.

DAY 20: Meet Craig Johnston at 1.30 p.m. in foyer of Liverpool Football Club for photographs and chat. Experience the atmosphere of the 'Kop' watching Liverpool v Stoke City in the 4th Round of the FA Cup.

DAY 21: Drive back to Westerfield House with time to reflect on the tour of a lifetime.

Boys who toured last year included:

John Kanasoulis (Melbourne), Alan Kane, Robert Turch, Peter Whelan, Michael Bojceviski, Paul Wilcox, Michael Fuller, James Morris all of Sydney.

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Confidentially...

Adelaide's City and West could pay the price for having top youngsters. Steve Maxwell, Joe Mullen and Paul Shillabeer of City, and West's Brinton Hiem, are on coach Les Scheinflug's possible list for the World Youth Cup finals in June.

★ ★ ★

West Adelaide are struggling to come up with a full set of shirts for the NSL squad.

It's not that they're that short of cash, it's just that their order has been delayed.

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Adelaide City's Neil Banfield and Les Carter will be taking the plunge soon — under the watchful eye of coach Bobby Ferguson.

But it's not soccer training. The pair have enrolled in a course being run at Ferguson's scuba diving and under water school.

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When Wally Bojczuk made his debut at half time for West Adelaide in the NSL match against Footscray it was not his first appearance in the national competition.

He was with the ill-fated Mooroolbark six years ago — as a centre back.

★ ★ ★

The newly-appointed Commercial Director of the Australian Soccer Federation, Peter Sheean, will be the first speaker of the 1983 season at Canberra Arrows' V.I.P. lunch club on March 31.

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Most clubs could take a leaf out of Canberra Arrows' book as far as match promotion goes. Particularly their first home game effort. It began in the morning with a McDonald's Superskills competition, moved then to junior ball juggling competitions, a youth team curtain raiser and then a massed march past of over 400 young juniors for an official welcome by the Governor-General and Lady Stephen.

And anyone who witnessed that crowd of kids, the teams and the VIP guests lined up waving back to the crowd couldn't help but feel good about being part of soccer.

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Sydney Olympic may have discovered another star among the large Greek community Tony Dakos, recently promoted to the Olympic first 11, made a big impression on coach Tommy Docherty with his performance against the dangerous South Melbourne forwards. Dakos is on the short list to travel to Mexico with the Youth Socceroos in June.

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There have been more problems concerning the transfer of John Davies from St George to Marconi.

Davies appeared to think he had a free clearance but Saints quickly disillusioned him on that idea. Then Davies attempted to buy his clearance for around £2,000 but, as this was only one sixth of the fee he cost Saints, the St George committee again refused to transfer him.

The situation is more than a little complicated, particularly as State League club Riverwood appear to be involved.

Meanwhile a useful player is unable to play for any club.

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The Australian Soccer Federation — or should it be West Nally? — hopes to make plenty of money out of the four-nations tournament in November. Let's hope they are not disappointed.

The teams taking part are not exactly box office grants. China has withdrawn and will be replaced by another country Uruguay and Cameroon are most unlikely crowd-pullers. But, as an ASF spokesman said "Overseas nations do not exactly queue up to play in Australia!"

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Channel Seven, now taking its first few tentative steps into top soccer, is concentrating this year on international matches on the local scene. We hear, however, that it is possible Seven could produce a NSL show in 1984. Assuming, of course, there is a NSL next year.

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Jesse Tracton, chairman of the Sydney City soccer committee, was quoted in the Australian Jewish Times thus: "We are bitterly disappointed at the response from Jewish soccer fans for the Sydney City season ticket scheme."

ADELAIDE KID AT EURO-CUP

By Tom McKain

Adelaide City's Tony Dorigo starred in the Aston Villa — Juventus European Cup match in England the other week.

But the youngster was not on the park — he got a star write-up in the club's program as the apprentice with the "Italian connection".

Dorigo left City when he was 15 to try his luck with Villa and was so successful that England Youth team manager Graham Taylor asked Dorigo to attend training for the Youth squad — before he found out he was Australian.

Now 17, Dorigo could play for England as his mother is English.

His father is Italian.

But the youngster has still hopes of playing for Australia, and will prove himself as an apprentice before considering a return to Australia.

And that may not be for a while, as his family is heading for Birmingham where his father already has a job.

Dorigo got the chance to try out in England when Justin Fashanu, who guested for City said he should write round the English clubs.

Villa was the only club to reply.

Dorigo's father joined him for the first three months then Tony was on

★ ★ ★

Bad news for Sydney Olympic. Both Mark Koussas and Jim Ziras will be out of action for a few weeks with injuries.



MARK KOUSSAS

Marconi have fixed up another UK import. His name is Steve Winn and he is due to arrive in Sydney this week. Winn played for Rotherham United. He's a striker whose ability is well known to Marconi boss Doug Collins. Winn is 23, but Collins first saw him play as a teenager six years ago.

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Hungary beat Luxembourg 6-2 in a European Group Three match in Luxembourg. Scores: Luxembourg — Reiter, R. Schreiner Hungary — Torocsik (3), Nyilasi, Poloskei, Hannich (pen). Attendance: 2,500.

Cyprus drew 1-1 with Czechoslovakia in a European Championship Group Five match in Nicosia. Scores: Cyprus — Theophanous (21st). Czechoslovakia — Bicovsky (60th). Attendance: 12,000.

The interesting twist is that he is natural left winger, but has been starring at left back in England.

Discussing the Villa-Juventus game in the European Cup program, Tony said: "I'll be with Villa but I'm sure dad will be with Juventus."



DAVE RATCLIFFE

MATCH LAMENTS

Ken Morton: "I think we created enough opportunities to win the game convincingly. We failed to take them and we had to be content with a poor result."

Allan Vest: "I am pleased with the performance of my team. We had most of the game and could have scored quite easily had we been more accurate with our shots."

"The only good thing about the game was that we won," said Adelaide City coach Bobby Ferguson after the 2-1 win over Brisbane Lions.

However, he did say he was pleased with the performance of Joe Mullen who scored one of the goals and is fighting to regain his place in the youth Soccerco squad after his injury.

City captain Bugsy Nyskohous praised his team's young strikers when he said "there is no sense in playing youngsters just for the sake of giving young players a chance. But our youngsters are all worth their place and proved it today."

Marconi coach Doug Collins: "We've lost our rhythm and will have to find it quickly. I thought they had very few chances but we must do much better if those three pointers are to continue."

"Neither side made many scoring chances and you can rest assured that Frank Farina will be back in the team for the Sydney Olympic game," said Canberra coach George Murray.

Wollongong Wolves coach Willie Wallace criticised the new "3 points for a win" system after his team played a 1-1 draw with Leichhardt.

Wallace said he has been against that system from the day it was announced.

He gave as an example Sydney Olympic who had lost both games before the weekend yet they win just one game and become level with the Wolves who are still unbeaten.

He said as the season progresses the new system will become more unpopular with coaches and players.

Wallace said the whole system is wrong and his views will be proven right by the end of the season.

Marconi has been relying on a blend of experienced and youthful players, but they should soon have a capable striker to add to the side. Steve Winn, formerly with Rotherham United, has signed his contracts and is due as soon as his visa is fixed.

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WARREN'S WORLD



Kay: back from U.K., aiming high

He was arguably our best player during the Young Socceroos' splendid showing in the 1981 World Youth Championship hosted by Australia.

He certainly didn't pale in comparison with any of the world's best during that series.

A spell with English second division side Charlton Athletic followed the WYC and now 16 months later Paul Kay, the kid from Dapto, is back to pick up the pieces of his Australian career.

Putting his Australian career back in order is probably not the right way to describe the situation this talented 20-year-old now finds himself in.

Perhaps the move to Charlton was not right at a time when he had the Australian scene at his feet.

But now Kay has to re-establish himself on the local circuit.

Not that there should be any doubts about that happening.

"The 16 months at Charlton was an invaluable exercise" is how Kay sums up his time in England.

"It was an experience in itself to live the professional life and I'm glad I took the opportunity.

"Unfortunately Charlton is not a happy club this year.

"They were in a terrible financial state, so much so that when Eddie Thomson called me regarding coming back to the Slickers I jumped at the opportunity."

Things, however, didn't work out as easily as that.

Wollongong Wolves, who received \$10,000 when Kay transferred to Charlton ("that was all they could ask for under my contract") claimed Kay was still their player on his return to Australia.

Wolves' attitude disappointed Kay as well as keeping him out of the early trial, Ampol Cup and NSL matches with the Slickers.

Kay appreciates that the "Wolves felt they had a case".

Kay wanted to join Slickers as they are "a quality club with quality players".

Other influences on Kay's decision to join Slickers was that he knew a lot of the players personally (he now flats with his Slickers' and Young Socceroo team mate David Mitchell in the Eastern Suburbs)

and has always wanted to play for Slickers mainly because of the "healthy attitude of their players".

If Kay is pleased with the Slickers, the feeling is mutual.

Coach Eddie Thomson rates him the buy of the year — "he cost nothing and you can't get a much better buy than that" says Thomson of his new signing.

"He is an experienced 20-year-old who inspires others around him and is desperately keen to be successful" adds Thomson.

"He is a busy, skilful player who never stops trying things even when he's having a bad time.

"We are delighted to have him at Slickers", says an obviously delighted Thomson.

He sees Kay as replacing Patikas in the Slickers' midfield once he settles down.

Kay has yet to establish himself in the star-studded Slickers line-up but once he does, you can be sure he will also be knocking on the door for national team selection.



Paul Kay (left, with No.6 on his shorts), lining up with his team-mates before the match against Argentina in the 1981 World Youth Cup.

Schoolboy star for Newcastle

Toronto High School student, Darren Stewart has signed for Newcastle's Youth team.

Darren has a fine future in soccer and has been well reared in the roundball code.

His parents, Ray and Kathy Stewart, have been

great workers for the Toronto-Awaba Soccer Club over the years.

Graham Jones, a

schoolboy at Booragui High School, is playing in the back for Northern NSW second division club,

Westlakes.

He should progress well with the Wildcats under coach Alan Moore.



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"Are you sure that left-back of yours is under-18?"

C'wealth Bank Cup

Corrimal, Raymond Terrace, Whitebridge, Punchbowl and Cabramatta High Schools will be the ones to beat for this year's prestigious Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup.

That's the hot tip from informed sources within the NSW High School movement as the State's 282 High Schools gear up for this year's cup.

The first round of the Cup must be completed by April 8. However, due to the state-wide rain during the proposed first round dates no games have been completed to date.

Of the favored schools this year many experts rate the Newcastle duo of Whitebridge as the ones to

beat.

They supplied seven players to the Northern NSW side that recently toured the U.K. and the experience gained from this tour will stand these boys in good stead during the Commonwealth Bank Cup.

The Commonwealth Bank will hold a press conference in Sydney later today to announce, among many other things, increased sponsorship for the Cup this year.

The final for this year's cup will be held at Marconi Oval on August 17.

Past winners of the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup have been:

1962 Maroubra Bay, 1963 Macquarie Boys, 1964 Wallsend 1965 Keira, 1966 Strathfield South and Cleveland Street, 1967 Booragui, 1968 Newcastle Tech, 1969 Booragui, 1970 Berkeley, 1971 Meadowbank, 1972 Newcastle Tech, 1973 Newcastle Tech, 1974 Wallsend, 1975 Wallsend, and Booragui, 1976 Bankstown, 1977 Canterbury, 1978 Nor-manhurst, 1979 Nor-manhurst, 1980 Woonona, 1981 Keira, 1982 Marsden

Throughout the season we will keep you informed on this page of all the news, results and developments in the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup

Big overseas tour

A sign of the times, perhaps, but in the old days if you went across to Manly, down to Wollongong or up to Newcastle to play for your club or school it was a big deal.

Nowadays kids travel the world playing the "greatest game of all".

Together with my former Socceroo team mate Ray Richards we have been taking kids to the Pele Soccer Camp in New York for the past five years (and will do so again this year) but in pure footballing terms it would be hard to beat the value of Stephens Travel's Youth Soccer

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The tour is for 21 days, fully escorted and departs on New Years Day 1984.

For youngsters and parents wishing to know more about this superb footballing holiday I suggest they contact Stephens Sports Travel's Soccer man John Lane on Sydney 231 3833.

Australian Soccer Weekly will be available at the Royal Easter Show this year.

ASW, together with other soccer related companies, will be featured at the Soccer Stand which will be in the Manufacturers Building — the one behind the Members Stand.

We're at the Show!

This is the first time that soccer has been represented at the Royal Easter Show and, apart from getting your copy of ASW, soccer fans will be able to

purchase substantially discounted Socceroo merchandise such as sports bags, track suits, footballs, sweat shirts and jogging suits.

A continuous video presentation highlighting the best goals from Channel 7's Big League Soccer will also be a feature of the stand.

May Soccer Camps

Kicking off next week on this page Australian Soccer Weekly will be offering its young readers the opportunity to win soccer scholarships to my Socceroo Academy during the forthcoming May School holidays.

The Academy is run at Gold Creek Homestead, my property just outside Canberra.

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Daily the boys visit the

many tourist attractions of the national capital such as the War Memorial, Black Mountain Tower, Embassy Row, the Sports Institute and the Canberra Arrows training session.

Entry forms for the competition will be in next week's Australian Soccer Weekly.

Tips from the top

Every week we will feature a tip from one of the leading personalities in Australian Soccer.

Today's tip comes from Marconi coach

Doug Collins . . .

"Apart from skills also develop your character, the attitude and application to take responsibility on the field by giving 100% to your club and

team mates.

"Unfortunately in Australia I have seen too many skilful players who have lacked the "character" to make it to the top here!"

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Preston reach one — point target

By John Economos

St George, through some very poor finishing, was only able to struggle to a 1-1 draw against Preston at the St George Stadium.

In fact Preston took the lead in only the 10th minute when Alex Livingston fired a through-ball for Gary Ward to slot home from only eight metres.

Preston only had two chances to score in the first half as against Saints' six, yet the scoreboard read St George 0 Preston 1 at the break.

Saints should have had a goal in the eighth minute when captain, Peter Stone squared to big Paul Wilkinson who shot from only six metres... but straight at Preston goalkeeper, Richard Wilson, for a fine pressure-save.

In the 23rd minute, young striker, Andrew Koczka, had a glorious opportunity to crack one in from only six metres after meeting a high cross from the right flank from Johnny O'Shea, but the shot was wide and high.

St George levelled the

scoreline when Dez Marton took a corner in the 56th minute from the left.

Marton hit his corner to the near post, as both O'Shea and Zarko Odzakovic climbed high. But Odzakovic only managed to "top" the ball with his head and deflect it just inside the post for an "own goal".

St George launched raid after raid in the last 20 minutes looking for the winner but to no avail as the Preston defence held out.

Wilson, Skeen and Stone worked the ball well to set up Marton for a crack at goal, but the Yugoslav star striker was horribly off-target from 12 metres out.

John O'Shea and Marton crashed in another two shots well on target, only to see Richard Wilson pull off solid saves.

Preston seemed quite content to hang off and soak up all that St George hurled at them and waited for the occasional break against the play.

Preston's full-back, George Millman, did a marvellous job shadowing Dez Marton, giving the high-scoring, striker very little room to move.

Saints' giant central

striker, Paul Wilkinson, with great height, strength and mobility, ran everywhere but where he should — which was into the box!

Wilkinson must add a lot more aggression to his game if he is to get amongst the goals.

Most pleasing factor from St George's point of view, was their midfielder performance, John O'Shea, for once, decided to come crashing through for shots at goal, a most vital addition to his normal game of doing pick-up work and knocking it wide.

O'Shea must continue to do this as he does have a very strong shot and goals will come his way.

Preston, besides their goalkeeper Wilson and defender George McMillan, were best served by Ward, Livingston, Todorovski and little Georgie Campbell who vainly tried to open up play from the left midfield.

Saints' best performers were Johnny O'Shea, Peter Stone and David Ratcliffe.

After the match in the Preston dressing room, the NSL's youngest coach, Peter Ollerton, elatedly told us: "I came looking for a point and got it."

"The game could have gone either way even though St George had most possession."

"I am happy with a point away from home and was also happy the way the crowd here treated us. Unfortunately, Odzakovic had flu and played with little energy which was understandable."

The St George manager, Frank Arok, remarked: "We did everything asked of us. We created chances, build-ups and entertained, but dropped two very vital points."



Absorbed in the action — rival coaches Jim Hermiston (left) and Ken Kaiser at the Brisbane City v Newcastle match — Pic Carlos Picasso.

Mark's hit and run

By Keith Gilmour

Mark Jankovics' late bid for fitness paid off handsomely when he provided a winning goal against Canberra Arrows at Marconi stadium.

Canberra's second half comeback drew the teams up to 1-1, but the Soccerroo squad striker pounced to give Marconi a 2-1 win and an air of credibility on the national soccer table.

He completely sized up the situation three minutes from the end when Steve Hoszowski attempted to slip a short free kick to Terry Byrne.

Canberra felt that Jankovics was less than 10 yards from where the kick was taken, but referee Tony Boskovic thought otherwise.

Jankovics, who overcame a knee ligament injury in order to play, was off the mark like a whippet and had the ball high in the

Canberra net.

It was one of the few occasions that he found himself free of young Canberra defender Jim Murray's attention.

Murray was completely solid throughout the game and rarely missed anything in the air.

The match had far too many dead spots and there were few relieving features until excitement grew over the final 20 minutes.

In fact it was often left to the youngsters to shine, Murray for the Arrows and midfielder Atti Carbone and left-back Joe Rizzotto for the Leopards.

Canberra coach George Murray was fuming after the game over the fact that both Marconi goals were presented to them on a plate.

The first resulted from a fine left foot shot by Carbone to the bottom corner. Steve Hoszowski couldn't be blamed for being unable to turn the ball around the post.

He had been put in an invidious position by Duncan Cole's failure to engineer an easy clearance and on top of that, the goalie was unsighted until the last moment.

Towards the end of the first half Canberra were unlucky not to have received a direct free kick.

Ricky Budini held Ian Gibson back 35 metres out from goal when there was no cover defence at all.

Canberra however were usually very ordinary at the front, where only Phil Redmond and Gibson were running.

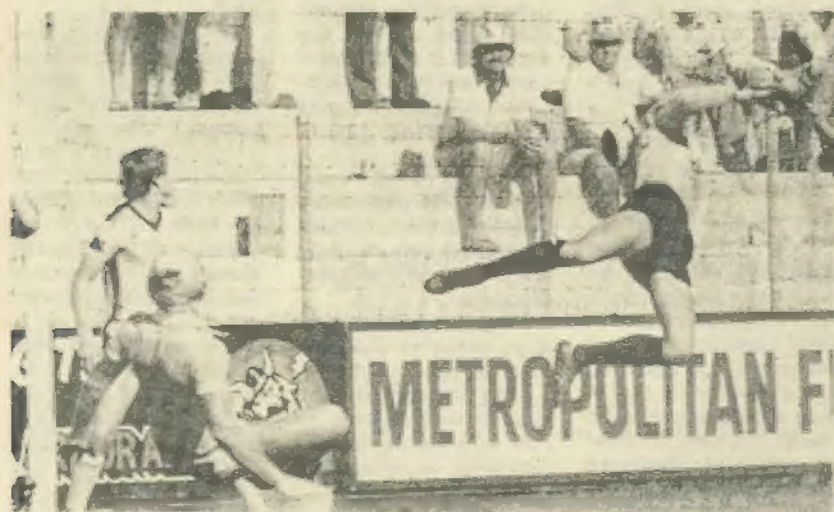
Redmond did produce

some good work, but he badly sprigged Allan Maher's thigh when he went in too high with his boot in chase of the ball.

Canberra began to threaten to break through when Don McLaren came on, and the goal that came in the 78th minute was a pearl!

A delicate free kick from Steve Bryant from 35 metres found Ian Stone, who hit the post and Terry Byrne came in to score.

The final goal by Jankovics sent the Arrows home empty-handed after it seemed one point was in their keeping.



Newcastle goalie Clint Gosling makes a spectacular save off a Peter Tokesi shot — Pic by Carlos Picasso.

Old habits die hard

By Greg Russell

If ever there was a display to prove the adage, "old habits die hard," then Brisbane City gave it against Newcastle KB United at Spencer Park last weekend.

After a good start to the season the Gladiators crumbled and handed three points to the visitors without as much as a whimper. For much of the game, and in particular the first half, it was the Brisbane City of last year.

This was the side that finished bottom of the table, and not the confident attacking outfit that Jim Hermiston had developed since taking over this season.

It was the Gladiators' first loss of the season, in any competition, and hopefully it brought them back to earth and made them realise you get nothing for nothing.

Too many players were willing to do as they did last season and leave the work to a small group of

fearless battlers — players like Peter Tokesi, Frank Liddell and Frank Pimblett.

Newcastle did not at first look a good side and City appeared capable of getting an early lead.

But with each goal the Raiders scored the more confident and capable they looked.

City keeper Kim Wishart could well have been blamed for several of the goals. His dives appeared either too late or wrongly directed and he more than once was easily beaten.

After only eight minutes Nigel Drysdale played a good cross into the box, which should have been Wishart's ball, but it found an unmarked Bob Mountford — and someone else should be blamed for that — to head in off the far upright.

City nearly equalised 10 minutes later when Tokesi headed a Pimblett corner onto the crossbar.

From then until half-time it was all Newcastle.

David Jones went on the scoresheet when his speculative 30 metre shot seemed to bounce over Wishart's arm into the net and Mountford made it two seven minutes before half-time when he nodded a Jones cross past Wishart.

City's troubles continued and just before half-time Billy Wilkinson turned the ball back to his keeper but Wishart was right behind him.

The keeper may not have been to blame but it was one of three near own goals by City players through the match and from that, there must have been some kind of communication breakdown.

Hermiston told his players at half-time their pride was at stake and blasted them for lack of effort. City in fact won the second period two goals to one.

But by then the match was lost and Newcastle were looking composed and thoughtful.

Joe Senkalski was doing big things in midfield and Gary Watson and Peter Burke were blotting out anything tried up front.

Newcastle had lost Nigel Drysdale midway through the first half with a groin injury but Brett Cowburn was an able replacement.

Young David Lowe had been kept under control for much of the first half thanks to close attention from Tokesi but he showed his ability and class to finish off a good move, which included a great pass from Mountford, to get Newcastle's fifth.

Surprisingly at five goals down Brisbane City played its best football of the day.

Two minutes after the Lowe goal, Mountford got his "hat-trick" when he

headed Pimblett corner into his own net. Newcastle coach Ken Kaiser said afterwards he thought it was the best goal of the day.

City then had opportunities from Cairney and Hughes, which would have made a real game of it had they been put away.

But it wasn't until one minute from time that the home side got another consolation goal when replacement Bobby Hamilton, who had missed the last three games due to suspension, beat Newcastle keeper Clint Gosling with a 25 metre shot.

Gosling was carrying a thigh injury and that may have hindered his attempt but the shot showed how easy it was for City to score if the team tried.

But credit to Newcastle; their players took their chances and when they had the lead they did not close up at the back.

Wooddin paves South's way

By Jock Stephen

Footscray looked in much better form during the first half hour against South Melbourne and this was mainly due to the newer players' efforts.

Kenny Taylor, formerly of Heidelberg, was responsible for initiating some fine moves with Tuttili, Carroll and Lujic.

However the South defence seemed impregnable with captain Arthur Xanthopoulos, Russell, Davidson and Halford dealing with anything that avoided Blair's attention.

Likewise Footscray defenders all performed well until Slobodan Stojcevski was injured and replaced by Paul Simic at the 34th minute.

South built up more attacking moves at this stage and a Murphy corner allowed Bobby Russell to break the ice with a strong header.

Steve Wooddin imposed lots of problems for the home team and his clever feints and passes gave Doug Brown a gift goal just

before the interval to put South two up.

A Wooddin free kick to Oscar Crino's head was as neat a bit of football as one could ever see... with 52 minutes gone and Souths steaming home at 3-0.

Kenny Taylor proved himself with a fine cross right to Gus McLeod's head to narrow the deficit.

An Egan penalty 10 minutes later, when Kyriakoules handled, settled the issue, with Denis Boland just failing to push the ball past the post.

Wooddin, the architect of much of South's virile attack, gave lots of service to his team mates.

A Brown free kick to Egan saw that little dynamo hit the bar with Boland stranded.

Footscray have put extra speed in their action. Persistence with these methods should gain them more friends and essential points.

South's performance was a strong crowd-pleaser with all players doing their share.



Sydney City's Murray Barnes is watched by Olympic's Ricky Herbert with Kevin Mullen at the background.

Just what the Doc has ordered

By Tom Anderson

The storm clouds have lifted and happy days are here again for Tommy Docherty's Sydney Olympic after a brilliant performance at Pratten Park when they gave reigning NSL champions Sydney City a humiliating 5-1 hiding.

This was without doubt the finest performance by Olympic since it joined the NSL and the biggest drubbing the Slickers have experienced in their PSL-NSL history.

There is no team in the NSL who could have held The Doc's Olympians in Sunday's mood; they were magnificent.

It was a brilliant performance of positive, modern football that had The Doc's stamp all over it.

Any grumblings or mumbblings that could have been around the club after the two opening defeats have surely been swept out of the window with this result.

It was Olympic's first appearance at Pratten Park this year and it was one that will be remembered for a long, long, time.

There was not a weakness in this Olympic team and for the first time this year they played as one unit and individualism was thrown out the window.

This paid dividends and with so many brilliant players playing for each other and not for themselves it was vintage football.

Young stopper Tony Dakos set the pace for the afternoon when he opened the scoring in the 19th minute after good work by his central defensive partner Ricky Herbert.

Following this the Slickers defence fell apart at the seams and the goals flowed.

Marshall Soper and Peter Katholos sent the Olympic fans into seventh heaven with fine efforts in the 37th and 43rd minutes followed by further goals by Gary Phillips in the 70th and Soper again in the 74th.

Geraldo Gomez got the Slickers consolation effort in the 83rd when it was all over bar the shouting.

Soper ran riot in the second half but must be rapped over the knuckles for on a number of occasions being too selfish when a pass to a colleague could have brought a goal.

After the game Slickers coach Eddie Thomson held up his hands and said his team had been well beaten.

"They murdered us on the break and we had no answer to them," Thomson admitted honestly.

"They were the better team and we have no excuses."

Olympic coach Tommy Docherty said that he was well pleased by the performance of his team.

"Today we finished off our good outfield play by putting the ball into the net," The Doc said.

"It was very pleasing and it was an excellent team effort."

This game was entertainment plus and what football should be all about.

Okay, Olympic will no doubt be on the end of a few defeats during the season.

But if they can continue putting on performances such as this one, then Pratten Park will not be big enough to hold the paying customers!

Fans happy only with squeaky win

By Tom McKain

A new-look Adelaide City grabbed three vital points when they beat Brisbane Lions 2-1 at Olympic Sports field last Sunday.

With the emphasis on youth, City coach Bobby Ferguson went into the match with two new strikers — youth squad Soccerro Joe Mullen and Peter Rankin, both substitutes until Sunday — joining Steve Maxwell, another member of the youth trial squad.

All eighteen year olds, they carried the battle to the Lions with Rankin scoring in the twenty eighth minute and Mullen in the fifty first minute.

And it was another youth prospect in Danny Wright who pulled one back for Lions in the seventy sixth minute.

City coach Ferguson also recast his midfield after the mid week Ampol cup final defeat from Azzurri, dropping Neil Banfield back to sweeper, and leaving out former Soccerro Johnny Nyskhous regarded as a permanent fixture in the City line up.

Lea Carter, signed as a striker, replaced Nyskhous in midfield and Charlie Villani, a recognised winger, took over from Banfield.

It was far from an inspiring game, even for the home fans.

The new City formation was tentative for the full ninety minutes as the defenders tended to bypass the midfield with long balls rather than possibly risk losing possession in the middle of the park with a "strange" trio.

Only Sergio Melita, a regular midfielder work horse looked comfortable and as usual broke through with some spectacular runs but couldn't end the passes with a clear shot at goal.

However, Mullen, Maxwell, and Rankin kept the Lion back men working with Alan Hunter sitting on Maxwell, Niven shadowing Rankin and Bob McSkimming and Alan Marszalek picking up Mullen who obviously did not like Lion's close marking tactics.

After the 6-1 thrashing in Canberra in the previous round Lions were giving nothing away and as a result Barry Kelso, well held by Bugsy Nyskhous was struggling to get set up front and along with Clark Anderson fought a lone battle until Danny Wright started to make his presence felt.

The first City goal came from a left wing cross by Dods who overlapped from left back to send the ball over to Rankin on the far side of the box.

the box.

The youngster failed to control it first time, but crashed it home with his second effort.

Into the second half and Mullen, who had been threatening with runs and lay-offs, got free on the right inside the Lion's penalty area.

When he looked as if he was going to chip the ball across to Maxwell, he turned on a ton of skill by controlling the ball and knocking it over Lownds into the far

corner of the net.

It then looked as if City were going to coast home and get at least one more goal, but Lion's midfielder Russell Stewart, another youth team player, and Wright had other ideas.

Stewart weaved his way through on the left and cut the ball to Wright who charged diagonally from the right in to the box and fired a magnificent shot which eluded Willie McNally in the City goal.

Wolves throw it all away

By Phil Murphy

A blend of Chris Dunleavy's experience and the youth of Ray Vlietstra helped Wollongong City avoid defeat after looking set for an easy win in Sunday's clash with Leichhardt at Zies.

After looking well on the way to their first win of the season when they led 1-0 at half time the Wolves had to be content with a 1-1 draw — their third draw in as many games.

When they walked off at the interval the home side looked to be well in control and easy could have had a bigger lead.

Earlier in the second half it handed over control of midfield to Leichhardt and the Sydney team took full advantage of this.

"We just didn't concentrate for ten minutes after the break and I feel this cost us a win" Wolves coach Willie Wallace said.

"It is something the players have to sort out themselves as exactly the same thing happened against Brisbane City."

The Wolves coach said Leichhardt looked very ordinary in the first half and his players should have pressed home their midfield superiority when the second half started.

"We have given away two points against Brisbane and another two in this game so we are giving a fair start to some of the other teams," Wallace said.

In an entertaining first half Wollongong controlled the midfield with Larry Gaffney providing a forward drive that was missing in the opening home game.

With Roy Cotton opening up in lively form and Phil O'Connor terrorising a hesitant Leichhardt defence it seemed a matter of how many goals the Wolves would win by.

Wollongong created five clear cut chances in the first twenty five minutes while at the other end goal keeper Jim Preston was virtually a spectator.

Cotton was given a glorious opportunity coming in from the left wing but it went begging, then Gaffney had a similar chance on the right.

It wasn't until the thirty-first minute that Leichhardt looked dangerous, Preston having to tip a drive from Bertie Mariani over the top.

Wollongong's goal came in the nineteenth minute following Phil Kerr throw on the left which went to O'Connor.

His cross found Gaffney on the far post and he in turn laid it on for John Fleming to score one of the

easiest goals he will ever get.

As the second half started Leichhardt midfielder John Bradley, who had been the only player in his side to show up in the first half, really took control.

Bradley initiated a number of Leichhardt attacks as Wollongong were forced to drop a man back into defence.

The pressure soon paid dividends with Rob de Ceglie finding Sebastian Giampaolo with a well placed pass from midfield in the fifty-third minute.

Giampaolo's first effort was partly saved low down by Preston but the Leichhardt striker pounced on the rebound to score.

After Leichhardt had dominated play for about twenty five minutes the Wolves started to regain their composure but failed to crack the opposing defence.

Their best chance fell to O'Connor with eleven minutes to play when he was sent clear by Dunleavy.

O'Connor's speed allowed him to race clear of two defenders but he shot wide of the upright with only goalkeeper Woodhouse to beat.

Dunleavy and Vlietstra were outstanding at the back for Wollongong and saved their side when they looked to be in trouble in the second half.

After three weeks of national competition, Heidelberg coach Ken Morton still has the task of moulding a team.

The persistent packing of the team with midfielders has failed, so far, to compensate for the loss of Gary Cole and Jamie Paton, and the writing is clear on the wall that unless Heidelberg acquire the services of an established striker they will struggle to keep pace with the leaders of the competition.

Their mediocre performance against West Adelaide was yet another indication of their serious problems and justification of the concern of their members about the direction in which their team is heading.

Heidelberg's problems upfield were further amplified on Sunday by Morton's decision to use duo strikers against West's solid defence.

Morton reshuffled last week's team to accommodate diminutive striker Derek Lea in the forward line.

The move however failed to produce any results for Lea was easily overshadowed by towering defender Robert Dunn while his partner Mike Valentine crashed against Neil McGachey.

The only benefit resulting from Morton's tactics was the allowance of enough space to midfielder Robert Vincent to track down West's talented midfielder Steve Atsalas.

The first half of the Greek "derby" was a mediocre affair which disappointed the 3,000 Heidelberg supporters.

The occasional glimpses from both sides failed to produce any results, with the first half ending at 0-0.

Heidelberg United missed a brilliant opportunity to hit the front in the 28th minute.

During a goalmouth scrum, Don McLeod had a shot cleared off the goal line by Arney with goalkeeper Sproul well stranded.

Two penalties changed the game in the second half. Heidelberg defender Charlie Yankos was penalised by referee Chris Barnbridge for intercepting a shot with his arm inside the area.

Arney converted the spot kick to give his side the lead.

The goal shook Heidelberg and the home team pushed forward in a desperate attempt to level the score.

Morton brought Juan Toro into the game in his desperate attempt to increase the attacking power of his team.

Toro enabled Jimmy Campbell to move forward and assist Lea and Valentine with their efforts to penetrate West's defence.

The pressure applied by Heidelberg resulted in a penalty in the 72nd minute which was converted by Jimmy Campbell, to settle the account.

Unfortunately for the spectators the two penalties were the only real highlights of the game, and the Heidelberg officials admitted after the game that "if performances do not improve, they may have to pay the spectators to come and watch the games!"



Brisbane City's Joe Cairney and Newcastle's Brett Cowburn in Sunday's action — Pic by Carlos Picasso.

Berger's still ailing badly

By Con Nikolopoulos

National Soccer League



Charlie Egan (South Melbourne) clears the ball from Adelaide City's Buggsy Nyskohus.

SYDNEY CITY v FOOTSCRAY

VENUE: Sydney Athletic Field
DATE: Sunday, 3rd April
KICK-OFF: 3.00 p.m.
REFEREE: J. Reeves Linesmen — W. Lord, J. Cameron

SOUTH MELBOURNE v HEIDELBERG

VENUE: Middle Park
DATE: Sunday, 3rd April
KICK-OFF: 3.00 p.m.
REFEREE: B. Voutsinis Linesmen — S. Zoumas, J. Fraser

WEST ADELAIDE v ST GEORGE

VENUE: Hindmarsh Stadium
DATE: Sunday, 3rd April
KICK-OFF: 2.30 p.m.
REFEREE: D. Campbell Linesmen — P. Smallman, C. Barber

PRESTON v WOLLONGONG

VENUE: Connor Reserve
DATE: Sunday, 3rd April
KICK-OFF: 3.00 p.m.
REFEREE: E. Venios Linesmen — M. Momont, G. Blakey



CANBERRA v SYDNEY OLYMPIC

VENUE: Bruce Stadium
DATE: Saturday, 2nd April
KICK-OFF: 7.30 p.m.
REFEREE: R. Mee Linesmen — V. Celestino, B. Marshall

LEICHHARDT v BRISBANE CITY

VENUE: Lambert Park
DATE: Sunday, 3rd April
KICK-OFF: 3.00 p.m.
REFEREE: P. Rampley Linesmen — K. Tooke, P. Wood

NEWCASTLE v ADELAIDE CITY

VENUE: International Sports Centre
DATE: Saturday, 2nd April
KICK-OFF: 3.00 p.m.
REFEREE: K. Small Linesmen — M. Tollock, J. Judd

BRISBANE LIONS v MARCONI

VENUE: Richlands Reserve
DATE: Sunday, 3rd April
KICK-OFF: 3.00 p.m.
REFEREE: D. Monteverde Linesmen — G. Goodwin, B. Norton



Mark Koussas (Syd. Olympic) shields the ball from Terry Byrne (Canberra) at Pratten Park.



SHOOTER

HEIDELBERG V WEST 1-1

HEIDELBERG: Oliver, McKie, Tansey, McLeod, Yankos, Vincent (Toro 65m) Selemidis Campbell, Spanos Valentine Lea Coach K Morton
WEST ADELAIDE: Sprout McGregor, Amey McGachey Dunn Hiern, Brennan Alsasas Heys, Wormley Honeyman Coach A Vest
GOALS 1-0 Amey (60m, pen) 1-1 Campbell (72m, pen)

MARCONI V CANBERRA 2-1

MARCONI Maher Degney Rizzoto, McCulloch, Henderson, Budini, Carbone Serranni, Brown, Janakovic, Licata (Hunter 80 m) Coach D oirns
CANBERRA Hozzowsk Moutsopoulos Murray T Byrne, Young Stone, Cole G Byrne (McLaren 69 m) Bryant, Redmond Gibson Coach G Murray
GOALS 1-0 Carbone (20 m) 1-1 T Byrne (78 m) 2-1 Janakovic (87 m)
CROWD 1850
REFEREE T Boskovic

WOLLONGONG V LEICHHARDT 1-1

WOLLONGONG Preston, Willis, Dunieavy, Pollard, Vliestra Fleming, Kerr, Ainsworth, Gaffney, Cotton, O'Connor Coach W Wallace
LEICHHARDT: Woodhouse, Carter, Brown, Bradley, Bertogna, Pullen, De Ceglie, Butler, Valeri, Mariani, Giampaolo
GOALS: 1-0 Fleming (9), 1-1 Giampaolo (53)
CROWD 2114
REFEREE R Lorenc (NSW)

ADELAIDE CITY V BR. LIONS 2-1

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally, B. Nyskohous, Dods, Shillabeer, Danfield, Mehta, Mullen, Villani (Wright 75 min) Maxwell, Carter, Rankin Coach B Ferguson
BRISBANE LIONS Lownds, Marszalek, McSkimming, Hunter Niven, Stewart, Wright, Ogden, Kelso, Hogg Anderson (Daunt 57 min) Coach S Kistemaker
GOALS: 1-0 Rankin (28m) 2-0 Mullen (51 m) 2-1 Wight (76 m)

ST GEORGE V PRESTON 1-1

ST GEORGE Greedy, Skeen, M O'Shea, Ratcliffe, R O'Shea, Stone J O'Shea Barton, Koczka (K Wilson 45m) Wilkinson, Marton. Coach: F Arok
PRESTON R Wilson, Petrovski (Opasins 48m) Jones, Todorovski, McMillan, Illoski, Odzakov, Livingston, Campbell, Ward, Lucchesi Coach P Ollerton
GOALS: 0-1 Ward (10m) (min), 1-1 (o.g.) Odzakov (56m)
CROWD 3105
REFEREE T Davies

FOOTSCRAY V STH. MELB 1-4

FOOTSCRAY Boland Stojcevski (Simic 34 min), Hazabent, O'Reily, Kondarios Kyraikouleas Taylor, Tuttil, McLeod, Carroll, Lujic COACH R McLachlan
SOUTH MELBOURNE Laumets, Russell, Davidson, Blair, Xanthopoulos, Halford, Murphy, Crino, Wooddin, Brown, Eagan. COACH R Rasic
GOALS: 0-1 Russell (37 mins), 0-2 Brown (43 mins), 0-3 Crino (52 mins) 1-3 McLeod (64 mins), 1-4 Egan (73rd min pen.)
CROWD 6193
REFEREE F Mellings

BRIS CITY V NEWCASTLE 2-5

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart, Caird, Tokesi, Liddell, Wilkinson, Bohan (Hamilton, 60th), Pimblett, Williamson, Hughes, Glockner, Cairney. Coach J. Hermlston
NEWCASTLE: Gosling, Maler, Tredinnick, Mason, Burke, Watson, Senkalski, Mountford, Lowe, Jones, Drysdale, (Cowburn, 34th).
GOALS: 1-0 (Mountford), 2-0 (Jones), 3-0 (Mountford), 4-0 (own goal - Wilkinson), 5-0 (Lowe), 5-1 (own goal, Mountford), 5-2 (Hamilton). Coach: K. Kaiser
CROWD: about 2300.
REFEREE: Al Kibbler.

OLYMPIC V SYDNEY CITY 3-1

SYDNEY OLYMPIC Wilson Rogers Dakos, Herbert, Jennings Raskopoulos, Patikas, Katholos, Soper, Patterson, Phillips Coach T Docherty
SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano Mullen, O'Connor, Robertson, Bruce (Gomez 56m), Barnes, Cant, Kay, Watson, Kosmina, Murray Coach E Thompson
GOALS: 1-0 Dakos (19m), 2-0 Soper (37m), 3-0 Katholos (43m), 4-0 Phillips (70m), 5-0 Soper (74m), 5-1 Gomez (83m)
CROWD 6283
REFEREE D Rennie

MARCONI'S SPONSORS

Marconi chairman Faus to Ferrari yesterday announced that CSR Gyprock has undertaken to sponsor the club during the current season

In addition to an initial payment of \$25 000, a further amount has been allocated for a variety of other projects including individual player incentives.

During a press luncheon David rons General Manager of CSR Gyprock said that this sponsorship, in addition to providing a valuable community service in an area of great interest to the company, also represents an ideal means of promoting the company's image in one of the fastest growing sports in the country.

Cosimo Mariani, the Marconi President said that the sponsorship would allow the club to promote the development of youth within the club and district, improve the team by raising player standards and allow the upgrading of the club's facilities for the general good of the members



Cosimo Mariani, Marconi president



David rons, GM of CSR Gyro

Peter Jones, the big Leichhardt striker, could have been back in action a lot earlier than has turned out. He had knee ligament trouble and was on the improve when it was realised that he needed to have a cartilage job done.

TOP SCORERS

EGAN (Sth Melb)	3
KOSMINA (Syd City)	3
REDMOND (Canberra)	3
BROWN (Sth Melb)	3
BRYANT (Canberra)	2
CAIRNEY (Bris. City)	2
GIAMPAOLO (Leichh)	2
LOWE (Newcastle)	2
MOUNTFORD (Newcastle)	2
OLLERTON (Preston)	2
SOPER (Olympic)	2

National Youth League

By Peter Russell

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

St George 4 (Danaskos, Pappas, Muskovitis 2) v A.I.S. 1 (Salvo).
Wollongong 0 v Leichhardt 1.

Sydney Olympic 0 v Sydney City 5 (Nocera o.g. Haslem, Souness, Sargeant, De Marigny).

Marconi 4 (Giannone 2, Hatzopoulos, Foxman) v Canberra 1 (Ontong).

AIS relinquished their lead after a 4-1 drubbing at the hands of St George Sydney City showed their true strength in downing Olympic 5-0 at Pratten Park, while Marconi continued its line form to beat Canberra 4-1 at Marconi. To add to the Arrows' woes Tony Brennan was sent off late in the second half. At Corrimal, Leichhardt returned to the winning list scoring their first goal of the season to down Wollongong 1-0.

At St George Stadium on Saturday the first half was fairly even territorially and possession wise, however, Saints managed to register goals in this period through Tony Danaskos in the 12th

minute and Nicky Pappas in the 30th.

In the second half Saints took control of matters early and should have added further goals through Peter Petrovski and John Muskovits. AIS pulled one back in the 77th minute when Marcello Salvo netted after a good run by Ray Junna. Saints struck back and added two goals through John Muskovits in the 83rd and 88th minutes.

At Pratten Park, the Sydney Slickers returned to form with a 5-0 thrashing of Sydney Olympic. Right from the kick off Sydney City took the game to Olympic with constant attacks and some excellent first time passing. Sydney City opened their scoring in the 12th minute when Olympic's Albert Nocera had scored an own goal. But it was only justice for the Slickers, who had attacked constantly.

They went further ahead in the 37th minute when Warren Haslem was on hand to slot home a rebounded shot off keeper Gary Meier.

In the second half the Slickers continued where they had left off in the first half and added further goals through Ian Souness, Grant Sargeant and John Paul De Marigny.

At Marconi Stadium, the Fairfielders were too good on the day for the boys from the capital, who had included in their team NSL players Paul Ontong and Tony Brennan.

It was a day Brennan will want to forget in a hurry as he was sent off late in the second half after an incident involving Carlos Loguadice.

Canberra opened the scoring in the 3rd minute when

Ontong was on hand to push home a rebound after keeper Tony Veneri failed to hold a fierce long drive.

Marconi got back on terms in the 18th minute after an excellent midfield build up saw Domenic Giannone turn brilliantly in the box and stroke the ball past keeper Chris Hummell.

THIS WEEK'S MATCHES

Sat, 2pm Bruce Stadium: AIS v Wollongong, Canberra v Olympic.
Sun, 1pm Lambert Park: Leichhardt v Marconi, Sydney Athletic Field: Sydney City v Newcastle.
Mon, 1pm Lambert Park: Leichhardt v St George.

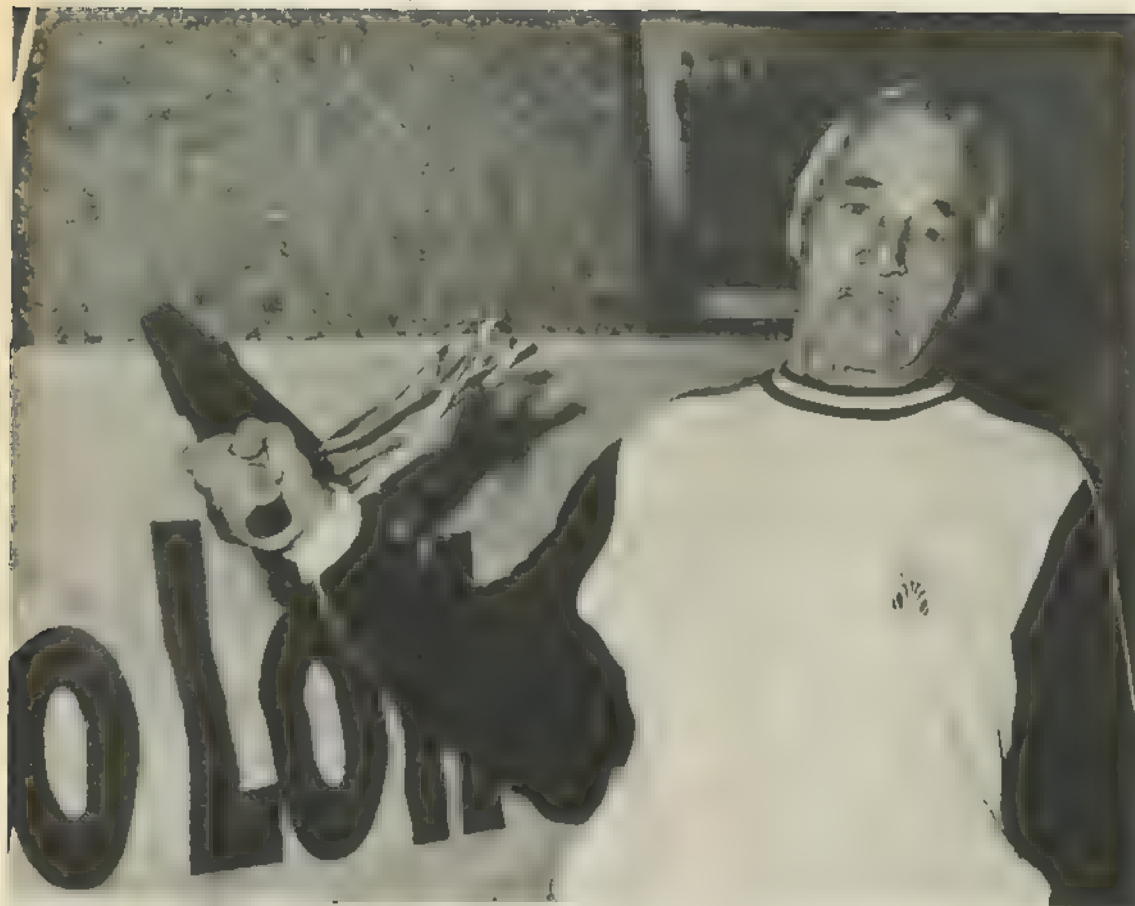
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Marconi	3	2	0	1	7	4
A.I.S.	3	2	0	1	4	4
Sydney City	2	1	0	1	6	3
St George	2	1	0	1	4	3
Newcastle	2	1	0	1	3	2
Canberra	3	1	0	2	4	6
Olympic	2	1	0	1	3	5
Wollongong	3	1	0	2	3	5
Leichhardt	2	1	0	1	1	3

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE

	AGGREGATE						HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A
STH MELBOURNE	3	2	1	-	8	2	7	1	1	-	-	3	-	3	2	1	1	-
WEST ADELAIDE	3	2	1	-	3	1	7	1	1	-	-	1	-	3	2	1	1	-
SYDNEY CITY	3	2	-	1	4	5	6	1	1	-	-	2	-	3	2	1	-	1
PRESTON	3	1	2	-	5	2	5	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	5
HEIDELBERG	3	1	2	-	3	1	5	2	1	1	-	3	1	4	1	-	-	5
CANBERRA	3	1	1	1	9	5	4	1	1	-	-	6	1	3	2	-	-	1
NEWCASTLE	3	1	1	1	6	4	4	1	-	1	-	1	1	1	2	-	-	1
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ARTHUR CAN RATTLE THEM

By Steve Burns

From the anonymity of the Public Service Londoner Arthur Wheelhouse certainly stands out in a crowd.

As the saying goes, you can always hear him be-

fore you see him — thanks to his 'friend'.

The 'friend' is a World War 2 War Department issue wooden rattle. And when Arthur — long one of Canberra's most loyal fans

— swings it round his head the only thing that rattles are ears and windows. The noise is unbelievable.

"This type of rattle was standard issue to WW2 wardens," said Arthur, a former Defence Department employee.

"They were supposed to be used to warn people of gas attacks.

"A similar type of rattle was also issued to troops in the Great War."

A foot long, four or five inches deep and encas-

ed in tin, the wooden parts of the rattle are made of English oak with the wooden slats slapping against a revolving circular spindle.

"Old faithful has been a family heirloom for years," said Arthur.

"I like to let the boys know I'm around"

And that he certainly did at Canberra's first home game when Canberra achieved its best-ever NSL victory with a 6-1 thrashing of Brisbane Lions.

Azzuri wins Cup with odd penalty

By Tom McKain

SA State League champions Azzurri won a "crazy" Ampol Cup final last week when they beat NSL club Adelaide City 1-0 with a second half penalty.

And national coach Les Scheinflug saw little to impress him.

He summed up his feelings by saying that the "senior players were hard to judge because they were so undisciplined."

While this was true, as tempers became frayed on both sides and there were niggling fouls, referee Tony Martel must take some of the blame.

He gave some strange decisions, and two of them swung the game.

The first came in the 66th minute when he gave Azzurri a penalty after centre back Chris Miller was alleged to have pulled Azzurri forward David Kamasz.

Frank Michelon scored from the spot.

Then, as if to even up the score, he blew for a penalty at the other end of the field when he spotted a trip on striker Steve Maxwell in the 78th minute.

But City forward Johnny Nyskohus saw his penalty saved by goalkeeper David Miller.

The latter did enough to impress Scheinflug for his Youth Soccerers squad.

Coach Bobby Ferguson made a significant change for the final by switching sweeper Neil Banfield to the midfield in place of Glenn Dods.

The latter was moved to full back in place of Buggy

Nyskohus who took over as sweeper.

For Azzurri coach Frank Schaper it was a triumph he said he would keep City out, and he did, with some close marking, do-or-die tackles, and finally young Miller again in top form.

Azzurri v Adelaide City 1-0

AZZURRI: Miller, O. Michelon, F. Michelon, Batchelor, Cole, Toland, Donnelly, Frances, Konstantopoulos, Kamasz, Manolev.

CITY: McNally, B. Nyskohus, Miller, Ch. Shillabeer, Dods, Banfield, Meita, J. Nyskohus, Villani, Carter, Maxwell.

GOALS: F. Michelon (67 min pen).

REFEREE: T. Martel.

CROWD: 2327.

Earlier Adelaide City survived a last-minute bid by Polonia to replace them in the SA Ampol Cup final against Azzurri.

Polonia lodged a protest claiming referee Donald Campbell had played over time in the semi-final.

According to quaint rules in the night series referees are instructed to play only 40 minutes each way and allow no time on.

According to our watch Campbell did go over the 80 minutes — but then Polonia had one man on the ground and another half on the field with the score 1-0 in their favor with the clock ticking up to full time.

Steve Maxwell then grabbed the equaliser and City went on to score two more goals in extra time.

Big Red hits it off

By Steve Burns

Canberra Arrows appear to have hit the jackpot with a quintet of new, youthful signings which could even grow to a sextet before the season's end.

Some, like Youth Internationalists Frank Fanna and Chris Hummell, are already well-known in a side that has battled its way through to the World Youth Cup finals in Mexico in June.

Others, like John Walsh, Andrew Young and Phil Redmond are relatively unknown.

In the coming weeks we will bring you interviews with all of them. And we start with one real unknown who has made a great start as Canberra's fill-in striker.

After one Cup and two League games Redmond has netted four goals.

Not bad for a 21-year old who jumped between seasons from the obscurity of Canberra soccer to the NSL.

His success, more than anything, reflects his determination and hard close-season training that helped Redmond lose a stone.

A Liverpoolian, Red-

mond is no speedster in the Tony Brennan mould. But he is big and strong and an opportunist as he proved in Canberra's first home game by taking superbly the first goal that began Canberra's goalscoring spree.

At 6ft 1in and just under 13 stone, Redmond is tough — and robust — having been brought up in two of England's toughest provincial leagues, the West Cheshire League and the premier division of the Liverpool Sunday League.

He has been hoping for years to make it to the top in Australian soccer.

Born in the Liverpool suburb of Kirkdale, Redmond was one of three teenagers brought to Australia in 1979 by the NSW Stuart and Lloyd's soccer club (part of Tubemakers of Australia) and played for two seasons in the Newcastle area.

Then Redmond and the second part of the trio Chris Tansey, moved to Canberra Club, Downer-Olympic.

GLADIATORS DOMINATE STATE SIDE

By Geoff Stead

Twelve Brisbane City players have been named in the 18-man Queensland squad which last week began its preparations for the interstate clash against New South Wales at Perry Park on May 8.

Queensland coach and former NSW Rothman's Medal winner, Bruce Stowell obviously selected the squad on current form. Brisbane Lions, who have had a disastrous start to the season gained only

kinson (BC), Alan Niven, Allan Hunter (BL), John Kowtan (BC) — MIDFIELDERS — Bobby Hamilton, Frank Pimblett, Billy Williamson (BC), Stephen Hogg, Russell Stewart (BL), FORWARDS — Danny Wright (BL), Stephen Glockner, Allan Hughes, Joe Cairney (BC).

Australian Institute of Sport student, Frank Fanna, the former Mareeba United Queensland State League player, has been pencilled in for the squad.

dropped from the 14-man squad Stowell selected for the match against Victoria which the Maroons lost 0-2. They are Brisbane Lions goalkeeper Tony Scanlan and Greg Marshall and Premier League players Dave Costa of Mount Gravatt and Phil Thompson of Eastern Suburbs.

The new players in the squad are Wishart, Lownds, Niven, Hunter, Kowtan, Hamilton, Hughes and Cairney. Niven is a State team regular, but was unavailable in February because of National team duties. Lownds, Wishart, Hamilton and Hughes have been included in previous Queensland squads.

Kowtan and Hunter were the central defence of the successful Queensland under 19 team last season but are making their debuts in the full squad as is Scotsman Cairney, who has hit goalscoring form this season after struggling in his first year in Australia last year.

Stowell is hoping a much longer preparation this time will end in a better showing than in the Victorian match. Stowell had only been in Queensland for a month prior to that game and was given a squad chosen on last year's form. Stowell then had to pick a team from that squad despite having only four training nights with the players.

Queensland soccer officials are confident both states will be able to field their strongest sides for the match part of the centenary celebrations of Queens and soccer.

This is despite a full round of NSL matches being scheduled for the same day.

The QSF notified the National League last year of their intention to stage the match on May 8 and contacted them again when the 1983 NSL draw was made and had matches scheduled for that weekend.

ASF Commercial Director, Peter Sheehan also gave a commitment that NSL players would be released for the interstate cash when he attended the Queensland-Victoria match.

But whether the Sydney NSL clubs are aware of the match or not is another matter.



Brisbane City's Steve Glockner puts in a sliding tackle against Newcastle's Gary Watson in last Sunday's NSL match.

half the representation of their Queensland NSL counterparts.

None of the other 10 Premier League clubs — Lions and City also field teams in Queensland's new top competition — gained a selection in the squad.

The Queensland squad is GOALKEEPERS — Kim Wishart (BC), Nigel Lownds (BL). DEFENDERS — Steve Perry, Frank Liddell, Peter Tokes, Billy Wil-

but his availability will be determined after this week.

AIS head soccer coach, Jim Shoulder gave the Queensland Soccer Federation an assurance of Fanna's availability for the NSW match after he missed the February 20 interstate clash against Victoria because of an AIS tour to Perth. But, that now may have changed following Fanna's decision to play on loan with Canberra Arrows.

Four players have been



Phil Redmond Canberra



"Now when I let go of your foot — I want you to do something that does not come naturally."

Whittle is out of favor at Preston

By Peter Desira

PRESTON has placed highly-rated midfielder Alan Whittle back on the transfer list.

"We're asking 10,000

Prahran's new boys

Prahran City have signed former Juventus goalie Terry Hawke and Kew City midfielder David Webb.

Hawke, an Englishman from the West Country, played for Shrewsbury Town before he came to Australia. He has had experience of indoor soccer in America.

New coach of Prahran is Frank Campbell, the former Slavia and Preston defender.

And the new sponsor of the club is Ponte Vecchio, a top-class men's outfitters of 175 Carlisle Street Balaclava.

dollars as a starting price but will consider any reasonable offer," president John Brancov said.

Whittle was relieved of coaching duties as assistant to Peter Oller-ton and first placed on the transfer list at the end of the season.

He was reinstated in the side in the Ampol Cup for 'another look' but the club has now decided it 'can do without him' and will not renew his contract.

Whittle is probably the highest paid player at the club.

He played first division soccer for Everton and Crystal Palace.

SOUTH Melbourne has appointed former Marconi and Sydney City secretary Mike Urukalo as its new promotions man.

Urukalo, a university graduate, is expected to take up the post as soon as his wife can obtain a transfer from her job in Sydney.

At Marconi, Urukalo was the man behind a sponsorship deal with Datsun believed to be worth 100,000 dollars.

90 attend coaching

NINETY Chilean boys attended Hotham Community Centre, Buncle Street, North Melbourne, yesterday (Monday), for special coaching in the McDonald's Soccer Skills Awards, the official coaching program for all junior soccer clubs throughout Australia.

An extra international flavor was added to the evening with coaches from Chile, Italy, England and Ireland.

Fred Brooks, the Victorian Soccer Federation co-ordinator, was in charge of the evening.



Alan Davidson (South Melbourne) commits a spectacular foul on Alan Whittle (Preston) as he climbs for a header. But it makes an excellent picture for our photographer JOHN PUNSHON.

MIDDLE PARK'S EASTER GAME

SOUTH Melbourne will entertain Canberra Arrows in a National Soccer Cup game (second round) at Middle Park, on Easter Monday.

Other Cup games on this day are:

West Adelaide v Heidelberg (Hindmarsh Stadium).

Marconi v Brisbane City (Marconi Stadium).

Sydney Olympic v Newcastle KB United (Pratten Park).

EGYPTIAN STAR JOINS BERGERS

By Con Nikolopoulos

HEIDELBERG United increased their midfield strength with the signing of former Egyptian international Ahmad Awad.

The burly midfielder landed on their door-step few weeks ago, and has impressed Morton with his strong physique, skill and aggressiveness.

His credentials include more than 100 games in Egypt's first division and 17 appearances with the National Team of the Country.

Twenty four years of age Awad, started his career with Ahly of Cairo, a first division team he served for five years.

A lucrative contract lured him to Ahly of Libya and in 1981 he joined Shebab of Saudi Arabia, where he was discovered by A.E.K. of Athens, a National League Club of Greece.

His trip to Athens was the first setback in his career, because the Greek Authorities refused him permission to play.

"I had signed a contract with A.E.K. but the authorities refused me permission because the Club had reached its quota of visa players", he ex-

plains.

Awad spent a year in Athens waiting patiently for the opportunity to avenge the authorities.

A sudden change in his private life, however, forced him to abandon his plans for a career in Greece. While in Athens, Awad met his Tasmanian wife, Melinda Scott, and set sail for Australia.

Awad describes himself as an attacking midfielder with full use of both legs.

"The midfield has been my domain, since the beginning of my career" he states.

Ken Morton, however, has different plans for his new recruit. He intends to push him in the forward line, to fill the vacancy left by Gary Cole.

"We need a striker to take up Gary's position", says Morton. "I intend to use Ahmed as a striker and if he produces the goods for us he will become a permanent in the forward line".



Heidelberg's new Egyptian midfielder, Ahmad Awad, with his wife at Olympic Village ground last week.

Lucky takes the prize

By Fred Villiers

They call him Lucky. He certainly is. Lucky Poropat the Bulleen Veneto

Club's goalkeeper, has just won his gym's Member of the Year award

It all started last season when coach Tony Vrzina (now with Northcote City) suggested he should join a gym to lose some weight.

After four weeks 'Lucky' was named Member of the Month. And Bulleen benefited from winning promotion from Provisional League division two to division one and also finishing for the first time in the Italy Cup final only to go down to State League club Fawkner after a hard struggle.

Lucky is now the fittest man in the Bulleen team and his team-mates are

hoping the club will benefit again this season.

They opened their league season well beating Ballarat 4-2. Star sharpshooter Laurie Boarotto (a player most State League sides tried to sign during the off-season) scored twice and so did Vittorio Salvatore.

But they have a long way to go to get promotion to the Metropolitan League which has been the club's aim.

I think former Australian under 23 international Fausto Tarquinio, who

Billy joins Bell Park

Billy Wilkinson, former sweeper of George Cross, has signed for Bell Park in the Metropolitan League division one.

Billy joins a select group of other players who travel from Melbourne to Geelong for training each week. They include the club's playing-coach Dave O'Connor, striker John Bond, central midfielder Nigel Daniels and right winger Dave Perkins.

Weekend games in Victoria this Easter

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Sunday —
South Melbourne v Heidelberg (Middle Park) 3 pm.
Preston v Wollongong (Reservoir) 3 pm.

BUFFALO STATE LEAGUE

Saturday —
South Melbourne v Morwell Falcons 2.45 pm.
Sunday —
Croydon v George Cross
Fawkner v Juventus
Maribyrnong v Northcote
Melbourne Croatia v Ringwood City
Green Gully v Albion Rovers
Doveton v Box Hill

DIVISION ONE

Saturday —
Kew Park Rangers v Werribee
Altona Gate v Richmond
Doncaster v Frankston Pines
Sunday —
Frankston City v Western subs
Broadmeadows v Bell Park
Knox City v Altona Gate
Moreland v Melbourne

DIVISION TWO

Saturday —
Ringwood Utd. v Heidelberg Utd.
Dandenong City v Thomastown
Ardeer v St. Albans
Footscray v Nunawading City
Kellor v Nth Dandenong
Prahran v Springvale
Preston v Waverley City.

DIVISION THREE

Saturday —
Sth Oakleigh v Coburg
Brighton v Caulfield City
Eltham v S.M.Mordialloc
Yallourn v Royal Richmond
Heidelberg-B. v ASandringham
Prahran v Pt. Melbourne
Mornington v Sunbury

DIVISION FOUR

Essendon v Nth Geelong
Greenborough v Geelong
Karingal v Rosanna
Hawthorn v Mooroolbark
Keysborough v Fernree G.
Hamlyn R. v Moorabbin City
Corio v Rosebud.

Free for all at Frankston

By Peter Desira

AT Frankston City. Players are likely to become free agents now that the club has disbanded and pulled out of the First Division of the Metropolitan League.

The club stifled by crippling debts over the past four seasons, had already lost several players on the free transfers after failing to meet contractual commitments for last season. Club officials decided to call it quits only 48 hours before the season's kick off.

They were due to play Werribee at home in the opening round.

The VSF is likely to go ahead with a first division comprising only 13 teams

for this season but will call for applications to fill the vacancy at the end of the year.

CITY SIGN 2 STARS

BROADMEADOWS City have strengthened their hopes for promotion to the State League by signing Peter Donaldson from Brunswick Juventus for a bargain 600 dollars and Darko Kuna from Melbourne Croatia for 2,000 dollars.

Donaldson was previously with Green Gully and sunshine and has an enviable record of having missed only four league matches in the past six seasons. — Peter Desira.

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South Melbourne coach Rale Rasic is keen to lift the responsibility of when to end a match from the referees and favors instead a timekeeper system similar to the one used in basketball.

Rasic brought the matter up in a recent meeting he had with the referees association.

"It was a brilliant meeting in which we spoke freely and aired our different views. We did not agree on everything but it was beneficial for both parties," he said.

22 referees attended the meeting and the coach says he will try to keep up regular visits by a man in black to work on his players on the rules and regulations of the game.

BASKETBALL ALL THE GO FOR RASIC

By Peter Desira

Defender Tiziano Cavallari well aware that Fawcner is in desperate need for a sweeper, has made approaches to join the club. He claims that his present club Juventus has broken his contract and is confident the VSF Tribunal will grant him a free release.

All of Melbourne Croatia's first four State League matches will be played away because Olympic Park

no1 is unavailable. Croatia is the only club using the Park as its home ground this season. Juventus will use Olympic Park no2 as its home base.

Ringwood City has pulled out of the deal for Croydon City centreback Alan Pongho claiming that the defender has been hit by a back injury which will sideline him for the rest of the season. But Pongho says the loss of interest has no-

thing to do with his back and claims that the real reason is that the price is too high.

"I've had some trouble with my back and I won't really know the extent of it until I try it out in competitive matches. But I'd say that Ringwood opted out just because of the price.

"And you can't blame them not wanting to fork out 3500 dollars for someone who hasn't played for a year and a half.

Croydon City originally transfer listed Pongho for 6000 dollars and it was only the VSF Tribunal that reduced that figure to the present sum.

"But that is still a lot of money for a player they paid 500 dollars for and who gave them three good years of service."

By Peter Desira

The antics of Juan Toro have built something of a cult following for him at Heidelberg but beneath the superstitions and rituals is a man with a deep passion of the game.

The Chilean midfielder hit Victorian soccer like a thunderbolt scoring within four minutes of coming on as substitute in the Ampol Cup game against Melbourne Croatia in February.

Leaving little room for doubt he made a big run towards the grandstand beating his chest to claim the goal. And later he kissed the turf and crossed himself as he was leaving the park.

Since then he has won himself a spot in the Heidelberg side in an attacking midfielder's role and more than held his own in the rough and tumble of Australian soccer.

"People have criticised me for kissing the ground and crossing myself as I go on the park, but these are habits I have observed through all of my career and they are very important to me.

"I'm sure that every player follows one superstition or another and firmly believes that it makes him play better. If it puts him at ease there is nothing wrong with it," Toro said.

Toro says he observes other 'superstitions' like always mak-

ing sure his right foot is the first to step on the turf at any game he is playing in. And he carries a small prayer card which he recites before every match.

"You have to understand that in South American, soccer is like a religion and it is played with a lot more passion than anywhere else in the world."

Toro says that Chilean soccer is slower in pace and that more emphasis is put on skills and goals but adds that his experience has allowed him to adapt to the more physical game used in Australia.

And experience is one thing he has had a fair share of in 15 years of professional soccer

TORO TO PROVE A POINT...

in his country in which he won two first division championships, a finalists medal in the Lebertadores Cup — South America's equivalent to the European Cup, and two second division championships.

He also made four international appearances for Chile in the early seventies against Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia and Ecuador.

The three clubs he played for in Chile were Rangers (four years), Union Espanola (six years), and Magalanes (five years).

So it must have been a big let down to be relegated to Reserve football in Heidelberg's second division team for his first five months in Australia.

"I am not bitter about it but I want to prove Len McKendry made a mistake not to give me a chance. He only saw me playing once and dismissed me as not good enough. When a new player comes into a team you have to give him a chance to settle," Toro said.

The midfielder says that new coach Ken Morton has given him that chance and he promises to get better

as the season progresses.

Toro is picking up English very well considering that he didn't know a word when he first arrived. McKendry was unable to communicate tactics to him and gave that as part of the explanation why Toro took so long to force his way into the side.

But the midfielder says he has no worries communicating on the field.

"Soccer is the same game all over the world and language should never prove a problem when it comes to playing," he said.

Toro has reached the veteran stage at 32 but he has no intention of hanging up his boots yet.

"I feel I have three to four good years of soccer left in me," he said.

Ringwood City has emphatically denied that fullback Don Passmans is unhappy at the club and about to join Albion Rovers.

Passmans has just about shaken off an ankle tendons operation and may return to Ringwood's first team in the next fortnight.

SUPER

All eyes on Paul as Croy-



Paul Wade, the Croydon City wonder boy, is captured in the lens of Australian photographer JOHN PUNSHON.

How to

Spend more than you can afford

By Fred Villiers

MANY clubs are spending more than they can afford according to Frank Burin, VSF delegate for Melbourne Croatia.

"A lot of people see the regionalised National League as the only answer to the present soccer crisis," he says.

"Both the State League and National League are going through a very lean period especially now Frankston City have pulled out

"I think there will be more clubs going broke.

"Many clubs are spending more than they can afford.

"Sunshine City was forced to amalgamate with George Cross.

"The best answer is to have a regional National League and in-

clude the top four State League clubs in Victoria, two clubs from South Australia and probably two additional clubs like one from Tasmania and one from Canberra.

"New South Wales and Queensland have enough clubs to form a northern region.

GARY JOINS ASW

Gary Cutler, a former Albion Rovers defender who came to Australia 12 months ago from Wolverhampton reserves, has joined the Australian Soccer Weekly as Melbourne advertising manager.

Gary, who expects to join Morwell Falcons this week, has had experience in advertising in the UK.

He can be contacted on 329 8544, at 220 Stanley Street, West Melbourne. After hours 363 6726.



action from the southern state

WADE

don sets sights on title

1983 is shaping up as the make or break season for Croydon midfielder Paul Wade. The 21 year old attracted the attention of two National League clubs during the close season but was convinced to stay on for another year at the east suburban State League club.

"We gave Paul permission to talk to South Melbourne and he also went to Sydney to have a look at Marconi but when it came to the crunch I advised him not to move this year," Croydon coach Billy McArthur said.

"When he does go it should be as an established State League star who can command a place in any NSL side, not as a player of potential who has to play his way into the team through the Reserves.

"That's what would have happened this year and that wouldn't have been any good for his career."

With that in mind McArthur is looking for a big contribution from Wade in Croydon's drive for the first ever State League championship in the club's history this season.

Wade made his State League debut for Prahran Slavia in 1979 after coming up through the junior ranks at Dandenong City and Doveton.

He made 21 State League appearances for the club in two seasons but only really came to the fore after spending a close season training with



Peter Desira looks at an up-and-coming young State League star

th UK club Barnsley.

He signed for Croydon on his return in 1981 and has to date played 38 matches for the club and scored nine league goals.

His good form last

year attracted the attention of State League giants Green Gully and Melbourne Croatia but he knocked back the offers to concentrate on his studies to become a draftsman.

By Con Nikolopoulos

THE proposed restructuring of the National League, may help the Director of the Institute of Sports and former National Coach Jim Shoulder materialize his vision for the inclusion of a team in a major competition.

Jimmy has approached the Australian Soccer Federation with submissions outlining the potential of the Institute to field a team in the National League, but to no avail.

His pleas have fallen on deaf ears, since the conservatives of the Australian Soccer Federation were not prepared to deviate from their original line of "no promotion-no relegation".

Jimmy said they had a lot of talent in the Institute which was not being used to its best advantage.

MEAGAN NOT FOR GULLY

LEN McKendry has decided against signing

Tommy Meagan, a midfielder playing for Shelbourne in Ireland after spells with clubs in England, Finland and Belgium.

Meagan, 22, was suggested by Green Gully centre back Stuart Cannell who was his teammate at Doncaster Rovers, but McKendry says the standard in Ireland is lower than the Victorian State League.

"The club is planning for next year.

"We need one more player in midfield but it's best to wait until the free transfer list comes out in England," said McKendry.

Gully officials have suggested to the coach to go to UK to pick the player but McKendry has made no decision on that as yet.

— Peter Desira



Croydon City — the 1983 Buffalo Cup winners. Top row (left to right): David Singleton, Lou Kastner, Colin Hassler (assistant coach), Mark Brown, Ian Dobson, Gary Hobson, Steve McCombe (captain), Roy Howard (trainer), Ian Loughnane, Mick Edwards, Paul Wade. Front row: Reno Lia, Peter Loughnane, Steve Irvine, Mike Rainey, Jimmy Rooney. Photo: John Punshon.



"I don't care if they are one man short"



Midfielder Nick van Egmond (South Melbourne) shows his style on the ball. Photo: John Punshon.

Oh, don't do this again

IT was madness for South Melbourne to play their State League game against Northcote at Middle Park on a Saturday. The poor crowd didn't even pay for the gatekeeper's wages let alone the players. On the following day more than 8,000 turned out to see the NSL match with South against Sydney Olympic. Wouldn't it have been a better proposition for the State League match to have been the curtain raiser on Sunday. At least they would have played in front of a crowd.

YOU have to hand it to Dick Bosma, secretary of LaTrobe Valley Soccer League. He's always good for a quote, and his comment this week about guidelines for young players' development is worthy of mention here. He says not enough is being done for youngsters in Victoria. I agree. "I am left with the doubt that much more can be done for them than at this time," Dick tells me. He says asking them to play on a full size pitch (like we do at Olympic Park, remember the Ampol Junior cup final for under 13s recently?) is like asking senior players to play on a field 170 meters long and 100 meters wide. As adults he says we tend to manipulate children to satisfy our own needs. Kids must play the game at their own level and on their terms. In junior games all players on a team sheet should at least get half a game. He says referees should explain when a player makes a foul throw in. How else will they learn.

GOOD Friday night's guest on Buffalo Sports Soccer Round-up half hour on radio 3UZ will be Australian Soccer Weekly journalist Peter Desira who will talk about some of his experiences in gleaming news among Victorian clubs. The program kicks-off at 8 o'clock.

REMEMBER Melbourne Croatia star midfielder Alan Kerr who went to WA's Croatia club in Perth? He's returning to the eastern states this week for good. He's calling in at Melbourne to see if he can find a club. His Perth phone is (09) 405 2114.

— Fred Villiers

go broke

"This will cut the enormous expenses in travel and accommodation.

"My club Croatia would favor this. They would certainly be in it.

"Let's be honest, clubs get stale after a time. You can't motivate players.

"With our present State League a lot of clubs have little following.

"The ideal set up would be a league of 12, no more.

"We could kick-off in March and finish at the end of August or early September.

"The top four in the southern region could play off with the top four in the northern region for the Australian championship.

"This would stimulate interest and it would be a bonanza for the clubs who qualified.

"By having eight Melbourne clubs in-

voled they would only have to travel four times a year.

"Of course the 12 clubs would have to share the cost of overall travel expenses.

"Running of the league will have to be shared between the VSF and the ASF.

"The eight clubs in Melbourne would certainly benefit the other clubs with their gate takings," said Burin.

NSW prepares for U-18 titles

By Keith Gilmour

Preparations are under way for the NSW under 18 Youth Championship team which will play in the Australian Titles in Canberra from May 18/22.

Newly appointed State coach, Vic Renkovetsky is training selected players at Francis Park, Blacktown tomorrow night (Wednesday) and for the following two Wednesday nights.

The final 16 will be announced immediately after the last trials.

All players are appearing by invitation. Some

come from last year's under 16 squad that went through their matches undefeated at Cook and Francis Parks in Sydney.

Players this year can be born on 1/8/65 or later, the age that will make them eligible for the 1985 Australian World Youth team.

Last year's group are now under 17 and, to them, can be added boys who just missed out on selection and those who were under 17 in 1982.

State Director of Coaching, Eric Arneil is assisting Renkovetsky with the selection process.

St George's young striker, Andrew Koczka is one starlet who is eligible.

Peter Petkovski might be

facing a difficult decision.

He could be offered a scholarship to a top Yugoslav club at the same time that the championships are being played in Australia.

Some of the youth players who are training are Robert Turch of Blacktown City, voted the man of the series in under 16 last May and St George's very responsible stopper Jeff Biscaya.

Sydney City's youth team sweeper, Harry Ree is well in the event for this year also.

Unfortunately, a potentially great young player in Greg McFhail has given up representative football to follow his studies.

Schoolboy star for Newcastle

Toronto High School student, Darren Stewart has signed for Newcastle's Youth team.

Darren has a fine future in soccer and has been well reared in the roundball code.

His parents, Ray and Kathy Stewart, have been great workers for the

Toronto-Awaba Soccer Club over the years.

Graham Jones, a schoolboy at Booragul High School, is playing in the back for Northern NSW second division club, Westlakes.

He should progress well with the Wildcats under coach Alan Moore.

Yanks in Leningrad

The United States under 18 team competed in a recent international tournament in Leningrad as part of their World Youth Cup preparations.

Their best effort was a surprise 2-0 win over the Russian "B" team, and they only lost 2-0 to Russia's "A" team in the opening match of the series.

They performed well in losses to West Germany (3-0) and France (3-1), but they were not happy over a 4-0 loss to Czechoslovakia.

The Americans scored a historic 2-0 win over the Russian "B" team with goals by Lane Kenworthy of Atlanta and George Gelinovatch of Wall, New Jersey.

KEITH GILMOUR'S JUNIOR SCENE

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SERDERON THE PLASTIC MAN PRIZE



Injured players may claim damages

By Keith Gilmour

Today's soccer club needs an awareness of its responsibilities in various types of situations that could confront it.

A voluntary worker for example, could suffer injury whilst preparing the ground for play or perhaps when putting the goalnets in place.

And from the public risk side, whilst mowing the field a stone could be accidentally hit by the mower blade with resultant damage to a passer-by's eye.

In the normal course of events premiums for such happenings are not expensive and a club owes it to its workers and the public to see that such risks are adequately covered.

Today, even the humble homeowners and house-

holders home insurance policies contain a public risk cover to \$750,000 in many cases.

Recently a person seriously injured in Sydney's Granville train disaster was awarded \$2,700,000 in the court. That is for injuries sustained several years ago.

It requires no real imagination to visualise what amounts the courts will be awarding when some of today's cases come before them in four to six years time.

Last week we quoted from an excellent publication of CAS Insurances Pty Ltd, of PO Box 237, South Melbourne, called Sport, the Law and You.

CAS managing director Bob Bott has had a close association with soc-

cer and other sports and his views are well respected right throughout soccer and in the business community.

Today we offer the clubs and their officials a look into two subjects, the Liability of Participation and Liability of the Organiser.

I am reminded of the goings-on in a match played in Sydney many years ago in the then Metropolitan League, which at that time covered all football below the NSW State League which was of senior character.

The team in question was the NSW Railways, who had a solid and tough fullback who always way in stride. He was tough enough to dish it out and was never known to have lost any skirmish, whether

it concerned him directly or not.

On this particular occasion an opponent must have been laying in wait. Could it have been that revenge was in his mind? Perhaps an old score was to be settled?

Certainly, at this distance it is impossible to read the opponent's mind. So, dear reader, can we leave it to your imagination.

Anyway, the daddy of all uppercuts was suddenly landed well behind the play and behold our defender ended up with a badly smashed jaw.

Off to hospital he went to be covered by the Injured Players Fund of the day with some assistance ultimately from the opponent who felled him.

Strange to tell the fullback bore his opponent very little of the resentment that might have been expected.

It was thought at the time that it had dawned on him that he had been handling opposing teams and players in similar style for some time and it was past the day that he could call wolf!

Today, however, the injured party could well say

that more force had been applied to him than was even remotely necessary and he would be inclined to seek redress in the courts of the land.

But, back to our look at the questions of liability as it can affect the player and the match organiser.

In canvassing these two interesting questions we would draw attention to the disclaimer set out in detail in page 16 of our issue of March 22 1983, to which CAS Insurances Pty Ltd and AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY both subscribe.



This group of keen young players from Bendigo, Victoria, display their medals and winners' shield, and some pretty wide smiles as well.
16, Australian Soccer Weekly.



Sydney Olympic's Socceroo squad midfielder Peter Raskopoulos shows this group of youngsters how to control the ball at this training camp in Sydney in laid-back style.

"YO HEAVE HO!" from Rooty Hill



The youngsters of Rooty Hill club strain every muscle in an attempt to run out winners in a tug-o-war event at the end of last season.

Qld junior set-up to produce champions

By Keith Gilmour

Queensland is far the best dressed State when it comes to the availability of full-time development coaches.

With four men to cover the State, they surely must produce their share of Australia's future leading players.

There was the day when a few of Australia's top internationals came from Brisbane or Ipswich — now there are young stars being developed all over this huge State.

Quick-moving Frank Farina, from the Cairns area, is a regular Youth international, and Danny Wright, from Brisbane Lions, is another squad member with international honours.

And, there are many more either through the ranks or on their way.

Queensland Director of Coaching, Bruce Stowell, will certainly show his mettle after experiencing more than his share of disappointments.

After an illustrious playing career with Bradford City and then in Australia with Pan Hellenic and Western Suburbs, he finished with a short spell in Blacktown City's defence.

His coaching disappointments include missing out on a National League post when Western Suburbs combined with Leichhardt and then to be overlooked when Central Coast entered the Northern NSW State League.

But, when Bruce's jutting jaw receives a hit, he simply bounces back for more.

The leadership qualities were always there, just waiting for the chance to exercise them.

In Brisbane he is already showing his worth, and he has some excellent support from Jim Selby, John Ward and Brian Jeffs.

One of the points that Selby, the regional coach at Bundaberg, insists upon is the utilisation of the McDonalds Soccerroo Super Skills tests.

He is on the job in every sphere. Those who know him well, class him as an organisational genius.

Ward is doing a similarly fine job at Rockhampton. John was the understudy coach at Sydney City and Western Suburbs in Sydney and made a name for himself in Perth as well.

Jeffs is the regional man for the north, working from Townsville. He was well known in the Sutherland Shire Association area in Sydney.

Again, it is a case of having a top organiser on the job.

The youngsters of Bundaberg and Rockhampton, in particular, are showing real progress in their soccer skills.

Some Queensland provincial centres looked like missing out because the State League could not be maintained due to travel costs, but Ward stepped in as Development Officer to assist in the formation of the Central Queensland Soccer League.

This means there is a competition of quality that the youngsters can look to for their future soccer careers.

In Victoria, too, there has been a move to utilise the excellent McDonalds skill aids, with Coaching Director, Tim White to the fore.

Ron Tindall had been running a similar English scheme before McDonalds came in with their assistance.

In South Australia, Mike Wells is in charge of arrangements.

Tasmania, which has a strong schools soccer presence, no longer has a full-time Coaching Director, and strangely enough it has no McDonald's outlets either.

It is now left to State secretary, Roger Marlor to attend to matters.

Due to an unusual chapter of events NSW has no full-time Director of Coaching.

Eric Arnel is the Director, and on April 6 he will be finalising the season's plans.

A number of NSW Associations have their own coaching directors in place.

The most experienced pair are Manly-Warringah's Mick Jones and Willie Wallace in Illawarra.

Gladesville-Hornsby has Normanhurst High School P.E. teacher John McDonald, in his day a fine goalkeeper. He is the man who took his school to successive Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup wins.

Blacktown has Chris James, Bankstown has Ron Mannell and Max Groll is at Sutherland.

National Director Eric Worthington is currently looking further afield in his endeavour to continue the development of football

standards.

Schoolteacher Mick Banks at Darwin is a distinct possibility as a Northern Territory director and the aim is to secure a Sports and Recreation grant to start things moving.

Tasmanians in Centenary Cup

Northern Tasmania is amongst the first batch of entries received by the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation for the 1983 under 12 Centenary Cup.

Welcome nominations have also been received from Macquarie Association, Newcastle, ACT North and South separately, and the very active Mid North Coast.

Entries close on April 10 with secretary Rod Woods at 29 Yeramba Street, Turramurra 2074, Tel. (02) 44 7069.

As usual the Sydney Associations are expected to enter.

Already Western NSW, the Riverina and Griffith have submitted their applications.

Conducted in the May school holidays in Sydney, the Centenary Cup has proved a boon.

ABONYI Mk 11.

By John Economos

Will the Australian World Cup team see the name Abonyi once again on the team-sheet in the not too distant future?

Former Australian World Cup striker, Atli Abonyi's 12 year old son, Robbie, has started to make a name for himself in Junior soccer playing for Engadine Eagles Under 13A's.

Last year, this team won the championship when

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they cracked 32 points from a possible 36.

Robbie, unlike his famous father, is a left footer and plays on the left wing for the Eagles. From the wing last season, he managed to score no fewer than 14 goals.

Robbie Abonyi when younger, played rugby league, but soon realised

his error and switched to the superior code before it was too late.

ASW contacted young Abonyi this week and he told us: "If I can be only half as good as dad was, I'll be most satisfied."

Meanwhile Robbie's father, told us: "I'm not saying anything. Just praying."



The young Abonyi (enlarged insert) with his team.



Who says there is no room for some good dribbling in today's soccer? Eyes on the ball, our player has worked it well away from his challenger as he storms his way through the midfield.



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Stephens Sports Travel tour leader John Lane with enthusiastic youngsters surrounding Liverpool star Craig Johnston.

Americans plug for '86 Cup

Neighbours, rivals and friends, Canada and USA are in keen competition for 1986 World Cup Finals.

The two countries are convinced that the third remaining candidate, Mexico, will be found ineligible — owing foreign banks the tidy sum of \$80 billion.

And many of those banks are in the USA.

Canada's case received a boost with the announcement that the federal government in Ottawa supports their application and is willing to contribute \$55 million towards the costs.

Canadians estimate that the total budget for the World Cup would come to \$100 million.

At the same time, some \$70 million would flow into the country from tourists and visitors.

According to the Canadian plan, nine cities would be involved in staging matches with the final going to the Olympic Stadium of Montreal (capacity: 60,000).

Minister for Communications Francis Fox says there is no chance that the World Cup would produce the same financial disaster as the Montreal Olympics in 1976.

"We had to create then a complete infrastructure for TV and radio and build most of our sporting facilities. That's how the staggering loss of \$1 billion came about," he says.

"Now we'll need about \$7 million to change the playing surfaces of the stadiums from artificial to

real grass and about \$50 million for an extensive new communication system.

"Canada has the know-how. We've organised an Olympics, two Commonwealth Games and a World University Games.

North of the border, the Americans are equally optimistic.

"We have a country well known for its ability to stage spectaculars," says USSF president Gene Edwards.

"We have the time and the money to convert the stadiums into football venues.

"There would be no need to build a communications network and hotels — we have everything ready."

The Americans have nominated 14 stadiums which would be used for the World Cup:

Giants, (New York), Yale Bowl (New Haven, Connecticut), John F. Kennedy (Philadelphia), Robert F. Kennedy (Washington), Orange Bowl (Miami), Tampa Stadium (Tampa Bay) and Tangerine (Orlando — all three Florida), Soldier Field (Chicago), Rose Bowl (Pasadena, Calif.), Stanford (Palo Alto, Calif.) Candlestick Park (San Francisco), Husky Stadium (Seattle, Wash.) and Michigan Stadium Ann Arbor.

"If we got the World Cup Finals it would finally make soccer in the USA," says Edwards.

GREECE

The Greek Panathinaikos' manager Stefan Kovacs suffered a mild cardiac arrest after his team's 4-1 defeat against Heraklis. The news that he is likely to be replaced soon won't hasten his recovery in hospital.

BRAZIL

The Brazilian club Corinthians have elected their star player Socrates to their technical committee. Socrates has accepted on the condition that two other players, Valdimir and Ze Maria, join him.

RUMANIA

A Rumanian newspaper lamenting conditions in Los Angeles, site of next year's Olympics: "The city has no trams, no metro and only a very poor bus service for five million people..." True. But it also has three million cars and super highways.

MEXICO

Rafael de Castillo, president of the Mexican FA, has produced a new argument to support his country's claim to the World Cup Finals in 1986. "In the USA and Canada the distances are enormous," he says. "Five hours flying time from New York to California, the same from Montreal to Vancouver. In Mexico the maximum distance between major cities is 55 minutes from Monterrey to Mexico City."

GERMANY

West German international Felix Magath has declined manager Jupp Derwall's invitation to rejoin his squad. "I waited and waited for such a call," he said, "now the manager can go to hell."

ITALY

Argentinian star Daniel Berton has returned to his club Fiorentina — after an absence of four months due to virus hepatitis.

On March 9 Inter Milan celebrated their 75th anniversary. During the Mussolini years the club was also called Ambrosiana.

A compliment of considerable proportions: Brazilian Falcao of Roma said of Platini: "I'd like to be able to play like him."

HUNGARY

A Hungarian journalist was dictating a match story on the phone to a copytaker. "It was 0-0-0," he said. "What's the third 0 for," he was asked. "For the standard of the match."

Fourteen referees have been suspended in Hungary for their alleged part in the Betting Scandal — all involving lower division matches.

HOLLAND

Johan Cruyff: "I'll never be a coach in Holland, it would take me five years of studying to get my ticket. It's quicker to become a manager."

Bryan Robson, desperately keen to recover fitness by cutting a few corners, is the first player in England to have laser beam treatment for an injury.

Robson's ankle has been in plaster since playing in the Milk Cup semi-final for Manchester United against Arsenal. He was told he might miss up to 14 games, but he hopes the laser treatment will effect a miracle cure.

★ ★ ★

When QPR laid their expensive artificial turf pitch, they were criticised in many quarters. Some teams even threatened they would refuse to play on the ground.

Opinions have changed. QPR manager Terry Venables is delighted with the way the pitch has behaved in every type of weather. More important, Venables claims the technique of his players has improved 25 per cent because they play on a true surface.

Even beaten teams have stopped complaining about that turf. In fact, when Middlesbrough were given a 6-1 hiding at Shepherds Bush, Boro boss Malcolm Allison praised the skill factor of the players.

★ ★ ★

Chelsea's brilliant young goalkeeper Steve Francis was dropped into the reserves after Charlton Athletic beat Chelsea 6-2. But Chelsea manager John Neal explained: "Steve is only a teenager and he has been under a lot of pressure this season."

It's interesting to note that the goalkeeper who took over from Francis was Bob Iles. The same Bob Iles was brought to Australia by Mike Laing to play for Sydney's Western Suburbs several years ago. Iles was only one of many UK professionals lured to Wests by Laing.

★ ★ ★

Next season, the Football League competition will run from August 27 to May 14... roughly the same as this season.

Middlesbrough are the latest in a long line of top clubs flying distress signals over their financial affairs. Middlesbrough stated recently that they had to raise \$400,000 within a month if they were to stay in business.

★ ★ ★

Derby County, faced with the prospect of winding-up, have appealed to their local Council for cash support. They have offered a seat on their Board of Directors to a member of the Council as a bait.

★ ★ ★

If Brighton get to Wembley for the F.A. Cup Final, their players will be handsomely rewarded. They've been offered \$15,000 each if they beat Sheffield Wednesday in the semi-final.

★ ★ ★

Believe it or not, Arsenal are in the market for a goalkeeper — even though they are having all sorts of trouble keeping their present pair, Pat Jennings and George Wood, happy.

Arsenal enquired at Leeds about John Lukic but were frightened off by the fee asked by the Yorkshire club. Now they could buy England Under 21 goalie, Iain Hesford, from Blackpool. Hesford's fee would be \$160,000.



Pat Jennings in action

★ ★ ★

Cyrille Regis, possibly the best centre-forward in England, will be free in May. That should start a scramble for his signature — and his present club, West Bromwich Albion, could be outbid for his services.

★ ★ ★

England manager Bobby Robson has always had a soft spot for Trevor Francis. He proved it when he called Francis into his squad for the international against Greece. Francis is only just back from a groin injury which caused him to miss 17 matches for his Italian club, Sampdoria. Robson would like Francis and Tony Woodcock as twin strikers for England, and that could mean Luther Blissett will be dropped.

BRITAIN CALLING

When England travel to Hungary next October, all first division matches will be postponed on the Saturday before the international.

This is a welcome, though rare, concession from the Football League who, despite making a lot of promises to help the England team, always put club before country in a crunch.

Indeed, only once before has the League program been put on ice to help the international squad — and that was when England beat Hungary at Wembley — a result which took the Englishmen to Spain for last year's World Cup.

October 12, 1983 is the date of the Hungary v England European Championship match in Budapest.

★ ★ ★

Former Manchester United star Jimmy Greenhoff has been appointed player-manager of Rochdale.

Within 24 hours of his appointment, he made his first signing... his younger brother Brian Greenhoff, another former Manchester United man.

Brian was put on the scrap heap by Leeds United last year at the age of 28.

He will, according to reports, play for Rochdale for nothing!

★ ★ ★

Bruce Grobbelaar, Liverpool's goalkeeper, faced the prospect of deportation due to passport problems.

Grobbelaar spent six hours arguing with public servants before he was able to get a new passport, allowing him to remain in Britain. The Liverpool goalie was born in South Africa, carries a Zimbabwe passport and was signed from North America!

★ ★ ★

Bournemouth's million dollar debts have been taken over by a consortium of businessmen but there is great secrecy about who is the actual "Mr Big" in the deal.

The mystery benefactor could be a United States businessman. The first job for the new regime at Bournemouth was appointing a team manager... and it brought in Don Megson, former Sheffield Wednesday skipper. Megson has figured prominently in the North American Soccer League.

★ ★ ★

Tottenham Hotspur are hoping to land a sponsorship deal from a shirt company and it could be worth \$360,000 a year. Spurs asked for a million pounds spread over three years, but admitted it was "not realistic."

Neighbours Arsenal probably have the best sponsorship deal at the moment — they get \$150,000 a year from JVC.

★ ★ ★

Bristol Rovers goalkeeper Martin Thomas is on loan to Aston Villa — a deal which took him into the Guinness Book of Records.

Villa is the fourth team this season to take Thomas on loan... and that's a record.

Previously, the Welsh Under 21 goalie was loaned to Cardiff City, Spurs and Southend United... but Bristol Rovers still cannot sell him for a fee.

Thomas looked sure to be transferred to Spurs after doing well while on loan to the London club — but manager Keith Burkinshaw complained the player was "too greedy."

But Thomas claims he only asked for his removal expenses from Bristol to London.

★ ★ ★

If Sheffield Wednesday win the English F.A. Cup, they will be the fifth second division club to win the prized trophy in the past 11 years.

Before then, the Cup was a first division monopoly for 40 years.

★ ★ ★

Aston Villa goalkeeper Nigel Spink is getting rave reviews since gaining a regular first team spot — but he's no overnight success.

Spink has been six years at Villa Park and in the first five years, had only one first team outing... due to the consistency of Jimmy Rimmer.

The big break for Spink came in last season's European Cup Final against Bayern Munich when he substituted for injured Rimmer after nine minutes and played a blinder in Villa's 1-0 triumph.

WEEKEND RESULTS

W. GERMANY

Hamburg v Bayern 1-1; Nurnberg v Braunschweig 0-0; Osnieck v Tuzla 2-2; Red Star v Vojvodina 3-2; Buducnost Titograd v Galenika 1-1; Dinamo Zagreb v OFK Beograd 3-1; Ljubljana v Radnicki Nis 1-0; Zvezdarnik v Vinkovci 2-0; Hajduk v Rijeka 1-0.

YUGOSLAVIA

Velez Mostar v Sarajevo 1-1; Partizan v Skopje 4-0; Osijek v Tuzla 2-2; Red Star v Vojvodina 3-2; Buducnost Titograd v Galenika 1-1; Dinamo Zagreb v OFK Beograd 3-1; Ljubljana v Radnicki Nis 1-0; Zvezdarnik v Vinkovci 2-0; Hajduk v Rijeka 1-0.

ITALY

Ascoli v Napoli 2-1; Avellino v Sampdoria 0-0; Cagliari v Verona 2-1; Cantanzaro v Pisa 0-2; Fiorentina v Roma 2-2; Genoa v Inter 2-3; Genoa v Inter 2-3; Torino v Juventus 3-2; Udinese v Cesena 3-1.

SPAIN

Barcelona v Real Madrid 2-1; Athletic Bilbao v Celta 4-0; Osasuna v Salamanca 1-0; Valencia v Racing 2-1; Real Valladolid v Sporting 1-0; Sevilla v Malaga 2-2; Real Zaragoza v Espanol 3-1; Atletico Madrid v Real Sociedad 2-0.

POLAND

Zaglebie v Ruch 0-2; Stal Mielac v Gwardia 1-1; Baltyk Gdynia v Cracovia 0-0; LKS Lodz v Pogon 3-2; Legia Warsaw v Gornik 6-0; Lech Poznan v Widzew 3-1; Wisla v Slask 3-1; GKS v Szombierki 1-1.

HOLLAND

Willem II v Helmond 4-0; Alkmaar v Fortuna Sittard 0-0; Zwolle v Ajax 1-2; Twente v Haarlem 2-4; Nijmegen v Breda 1-1; PSV v Excelsior 4-3; Utrecht v Feyenoord 1-1; Roda v Go Ahead 2-0; Sparta Rotterdam v Groningen 3-3.

AUSTRIA

Admira v Salzburg 1-0; Voest v SWW Innsbruck 2-0; Eisenstadt v Vienna 0-0; Sturm Graz v Simmering 1-0; Austria v Rapid 0-1; Klagenfurt v Lask 3-1; Union Wels v GAK 1-1; Wiener Sportclub v Neusiedl 0-0.

PORTUGAL

Faro v Benfica 0-0; Sporting v Espinho 1-0; Portimonense v Boavista 1-0; Maritimo v Guimaraes 0-0; Amora v Salgueiros 0-1; Braga v Varzim 3-1; Rio Ave v Estoril 1-0.

ENGLAND

Milk Cup (formerly League Cup) final — Liverpool v Manch. Utd. 2-1 (extra time).

Czechs wary of Cypriot males

Czechoslovakia's first European Championship match will be in Nicosia against Cyprus — today, Sydney time.

Recently Italy were held to a shock draw by the Cypriots — and the Czechs take this as a serious warning.

Manager Frantisek Havranek is, in fact, pessimistic mainly because of the spate of injuries to key players.

"The Winter Tournament in Prague was a disaster," he says, "because everybody wanted to prove something against our national team."

"The result — injuries. Frokes, Zelensky, Sloup, Cermak, Jarolim, Chaloupka, Nemecek and Ondra all suffered injuries."

"On top of that, many fans were jeering the stars every time they made a mistake."

Some of the injured players will miss the Nicosia clash: Ondra, Nemecek and Soupka.

The veteran Bicovsky has been recalled into the squad, after a brilliant autumn season with his club, Bohemians.

SPAIN

Milan Miljanic, former Yugoslav national team boss, last week got the sack from struggling Valencia in Spain. His replacement is Koldo Aguirre, a Basque.

★★★ Soccer can be expensive: for the Real Madrid v Inter Milan match the admission charges ranged from \$4 to \$28.

★★★ Spanish international striker of Real Sociedad, Satrustegui, suffered a serious injury against Zaragoza and may be out of the game for four months.

★★★ Barcelona boss Menotti,

resigned to losing the German Bernd Schuster at the end of the season, is keen to sign his Argentine compatriot Ramon Diaz from Naples to replace him.

★★★ Menotti in Barcelona: "I will create a new style of play for the team which will be an example for all others."

COLOMBIA

The Colombian championship which kicked off two weeks ago has 84 foreign players in the first division — 57 from Argentina.

ITALY

Enrico Colombari, former Italian international, died at the age of 78.

★★★ Most clubs are delighted when their stars hit the headlines in international matches — but not all.

Gordon Cowans had a bright debut match for England, earning rave reviews, but his club, Aston Villa, must now keep the player happy with a new contract.

Villa, despite being European Cup champions, are \$2,500,000 in the red. They fear that, if Cowans gets the pay deal he is seeking, the whole wages structure at the club will be shattered.

TOUGH AT THE TOP

Life is tough at the top . . . This photo from the recent Italian clash between Juventus and AS Roma graphically shows what so often happens in a scramble for the ball. The player on the ground is Platini, at the right Rossi.



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Kosmina is ideal Soccerroo captain

By Tom Anderson

Sydney City's brilliant striker John Kosmina should remain captain of the Soccerroos for the coming series against England in June.

If Kosmina is relieved of the captaincy, it will be as big injustice done to a fine player and fine captain.

After the two recent defeats at the hands of New Zealand, members of the anti-Kosmina brigade suggested that Australia needs a new captain.

They were quick to declare that being captain blunted the form of this great striker.

Which, in my opinion, is a load of utter rubbish.

Just look at some of the brilliant strikers who have captained great teams over the years.

Players such as Johan Cruyff who led Holland, Kevin Keegan who led England and Karl-Heinz Rummenigge the present West German captain, to name a few.

Strikers as well as midfielders, defenders or goalkeepers can captain a team.

John Kosmina led the Soccerroos to a magnificent win in the Merlion International tournament in Singapore.

We did not hear any complaints about that performance bad captaincy that lost the games against New Zealand.

Anyone who thinks it was, refuses to face the truth.

Kosmina worked hard and continues to work hard as Australia's captain and is a credit to the game.

National coach Les Scheinflug made the correct decision when he appointed Kosmina as his skipper.

The Slickers star must remain in this role in the

coming series against England.

Last say

Stand-in coach Frank Arok, of course, will have the last say in this matter.

John Kosmina, born and bred in Adelaide is an Aussie through and through and is not only a good captain but has a marvellous off the field image.

At the present time this is also ultra-important.



John Kosmina

But if Kosmina is not to remain captain, who is capable of filling the role?

Let's face it, good Soccer captains are as hard to find as hen's teeth!

Can you name the skipper of our NSL teams? To be honest, I can't!

This, of course, is a fault of the system with clubs and coaches rearing introverts rather than personality players.

Again, it seems many of our present day coaches don't want their captains to have too much authority and just want someone to lead the team onto the field and toss the coin.

This is very sad and very wrong.

A good captain is worth his weight in gold to his club and his coach.

To be a good skipper takes a man with a strong character and a player who commands the respect of his players at all times.

He must also be a man who can lead by example, able to inspire and lift his team during a game.

Obviously he must believe in his coach, for during a match he is the one field mouthpiece and right arm of the coach.

The role requires a player who knows what the game of football is all about and a man who can keep his head while those around are losing theirs!

Off the field the captain must also take the responsibility of being spokesman for his team.

In Australian football this is no easy task and a job that would cause even Bob Hawke a deal of trouble.

Respect

The coach-captain relationship must be one of understanding and complete respect, otherwise it won't work.

But there again, a coach should know all of his players as men as well as footballers.

In knowing them as men, a good leader can usually be singled out.



Peter Wilson

Three great Australian captains of recent years spring quickly to mind and I was fortunate to have two of them as my captains while in the coaching business — and playing beside the others.

They are all-time Australian greats Peter Wilson, Jimmy Rooney and John Warren.

Here were captains in the real sense of the word.

Peter Wilson who captained the Soccerroos a record 55 times during his 63 full international appearances, was the greatest.

There never has been and probably never will be another Peter Wilson and Rale Rasic, when national coach, pulled a master stroke when he appointed "Big Willie" as his skipper.



Jimmy Rooney

The big man stood non-nonsense either on or off the field in his own quiet way ruled to perfection.

Jimmy Rooney was also a brilliant leader and although small in size, was a giant in stature.

On the field, Rooney led by example and woe betide any player who did not follow.

Rooney by the way, led Australia against England in the Centenary International at the SCG.

John Warren also led by example and was a fine captain.

I am thoroughly convinced that in John Kosmina we have a man in the same mould as Wilson, Rooney and Warren.

I am also convinced that Kosmina can lead Australia to the 1986 World Cup Finals — wherever they may be.

FROM THE PRESS BOX

Remember the always pleasant, efficient John Frank, the first PSL manager, later second in charge of ASF Marketing?

Some cynics used to claim that he'll never make it in soccer.

Well, he has. John is now the manager-coach of the Under 7s in Ku-Ring-Gai where his son is a budding star.

Start at the top, so to say, and work your way down?

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A prominent Sydney coach — who asked us to keep his name out of this — is critical of the Press for overboosting some of the young starlets.

"Recently somebody floated a story that Jim Patikas is the new Maradona," he fumed. "Another one called Tom McCulloch the Australian Beckenbauer."

"Don't these reporters have any sense of proportion?"

"Sure, there are a number of promising youngsters in all five Sydney NSL teams."

"But many of them are not half as good as they think — even by Australian standards, let alone by world yardsticks."

"You guys can do a lot of damage by building up some of these kids into the superstars which they are not."

Point taken.

Except for one little problem.

Club presidents and federation top brass never cease to tell us how much the game needs "personalities" and "stars," how much it's in the hands of the Press to create idols for the fans.

Can you win here?

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It is now very likely that the ASF will soon produce a plan for the geographical division of the League in 1984.

We will probably have an East and West group, each with 14 teams, eliminating such expensive luxuries as Brisbane-Adelaide airfares.

However, the plan is fraught with danger. The present standard of the NSL is not particularly high as we don't have enough quality players for 16 teams.

Where do we get these players for 28 teams next year?

If the plan is carried out, I think it should be tied to a temporary relaxation of the current quota rules on imported players.

We can pretend to have enough skilful and entertaining players for all these teams — but quite another matter to submit them to public judgment.

Another peril facing a division of the NSL teams is the chance of even further splits.

Say we have an Eastern Group of 14 with 8 teams from Sydney, two apiece from Newcastle and Brisbane and one each from Canberra and Wollongong.

And then this new set-up again doesn't work...

The temptation will be to make one more division: chuck the Brisbane and Canberra teams and, pronto, we are back to a NSW League with the addition of Newcastle and Wollongong.

And in case you'd think that's something new: NSW did have such a Sydney-Newcastle axis some years ago.

So bit by painful bit, we'd return to the parochial NSW set-up.

Admittedly, clubs would save about \$30,000 in airfares annually.

But it's not their most crippling expense; not when some of them give their players \$10,000 signing on fees plus \$400 win bonuses...

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It seems that most of us got a bit carried away with the advent of Channel 7 into soccer television.

In actual fact, their involvement is very marginal and extremely sporadic.

So far the only match they televised was the Australia v New Zealand clash from Melbourne — late at night and highlights only.

The next assignment will be the three clashes with England in June.

Meanwhile, Channel 7 keeps its distance from local soccer.

In its main weekend evening news, you're lucky to get the NSL match results flashed on the screen: they vanish so fast that only some speedreading champions can catch a glimpse.

And even those sparse soccer results are not announced by Rex Mossop; some people claim he'd choke on the words...

—Andrew Dettre



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